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As yet, Aleck has only laid out his campaign. Readers may expect to see results which will be to the benefit of us all.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES

They tell the story of a motorist who, stopping to admire a view, became engaged in conversation with a farmer at work in his field. The day was perfect, the landscape peaceful and entrancing; the farmer bronzed and healthy, his crop mature and abundant. A few yards away stood his comfortable appearing house, his neat and sturdy barns. Said the tourist, "I suppose you're pretty happy out here."

"Well, no," replied the farmer, "I be'ent."

"You're not? That's funny; looks like you have everything to make a man happy. Why aren't you?"

"Well, I don't exactly know. But I be'ent."

Which just about sums up the situation most of us find ourselves in most of the time. It would be hard to find a man, woman or child in the United States who would frankly and honestly admit complete happiness and no unfulfilled wants. The ill desire health; the poor, money; the unemployed, work; the overworked, rest; the ambitious, power; the pleasure seeking, amusement; the nerve-wracked, peace and quiet; the wealthy, new ways to enjoyment; the lonely, companionship; the socially bored, isolation. And many thousand others, like the poor farmer, don't know just what they lack, but do know it is something. Do we know—you and you and I

—just what we're aiming at, just what sort of life, just what combination of circumstances, possessions, activities, duties, privileges, achievements and pleasures we would choose if each of us had entire command of our own destinies? Isn't it worth while to think it over, and aim as near as we are able, despite the "slugs and arrows of outrageous fortune" we are bound to encounter on the way?

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This eternal quest of the individual human soul for happiness, peace, plenty, contentment, freedom of choice and freedom from fear is, always has been, and will always be the single motive power of progress. Up how many blind alleys it leads! We trade a headache for an hour's exhilaration or forgetfulness; the simple joys of unsung days for the jealous uncertainties of fame and power; years of grinding toil for an envisioned opulence which may never come; the heaven of a loyal, understanding and strengthening love for a title or a fortune; the secure comfort of a provident old-age for the thrill of a spending spree; the chance to go ahead for the luxury of doing nothing; the opportunity to refresh body and mind and soul by leisure, sport, travel or play for an unfounded fear to lift nose from grindstone; collective security for individual liberty. And always — too late — we wish we had made another choice. What IS IT we really want? How can we get it?

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Paradoxically enough, probably the one single thing we want most of all is that very freedom to continue making our own choice of what we think we want at the moment. Whether the choice be wise or foolish; whether it be well-considered or a mere impulse; we demand the right to find or lose happiness in our own sweet way. This is well. It is of only secondary importance that the choice of one differs widely from that of another. It *is* important that the wise attempt to persuade the foolish to make a more sensible choice — one, more likely to lead to well-balanced contentment. But there is something even more important than that. The thing of primary importance is that the final decision as to life's pattern — unless it jeopardizes the welfare of others without their consent — rests with the individual human being.

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Life was given man to use for his own ends. Not necessarily selfish ends — often noble ends which bring happiness not only to himself but many others. But in any event for him to make the most of according to his lights. To help him he has fashioned many instruments — among them social government, at its best — a popular accord of many minds codifying the rules of the game, to make it easier for each to proceed with the co-operative help and free from the antagonistic defraudation of the other. Thus government is conceived as an instrument to promote the greatest happiness of the greatest number of INDIVIDUALS. It cannot and will not exist for long for itself alone. When individuals, their numbers, their strength, their abilities, their intelligence come to be regarded — as they are today in many parts of the world — as existing solely to perpetuate that inanimate thing called "the State" which they comprise, the whole theory of the purpose of civil government is perverted, and the very well-spring of human aspirations is shut off.

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But, say you, unless "the State" be made of paramount importance, aware of its unity and strength, how shall it survive onslaughts from without? To this we only reply that a nation of free men has those things to defend which mean so much more to its each and every man that it will fight with its soul, and, if it is wise, will not be caught napping. A unified determination to retain personal liberty is a stronger elemental force than a unified determination to uphold a symbol or an institution grounded on individual subservience. Not only when conflict comes, but in the foresight that it may come.

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In conclusion:

1. True government is an instrument for the greater freedom and happiness of its individuals.

2. No government based on the supremacy of the State — for which alone its citizens exist — can long endure.

3. The best government is that which governs least.

4. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

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DOES THIS IDEA APPEAL TO YOU

It has occurred to YANKEE DOINGS that it might be a good stunt to publish, month by month, the names and addresses of men of one company or one battery, from the membership files, until the whole Division has been covered. Of course, we could give only the names of those who are members, as we have no other accurate addresses. It would be quite a job, and take a lot of space, but it might help in putting us all in contact once more with the fellows who were actually closest to us in war days. Let's hear your comments.

TABLET MARKS BIRTHPLACE OF GEN. EDWARDS

At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of September 23, a delegation of the Yankee Division Veterans Association will unveil and dedicate, in Cleveland, Ohio, a bronze tablet set in a granite boulder, to commemorate the birthplace of General CLARENCE R. EDWARDS, "Daddy" of the 26th Division. The date has been set so as to fall during the National Convention of the American Legion, when a far larger number of YD men will be in Cleveland than at any other time; even though it has necessitated a burst of speed to have the tablet cast.

Unfortunately, this issue of DOINGS will come out too late to be of any value as giving advance notice, and too early to tell the story of the dedication. At present writing it is not definitely known whether National President AL HERMAN will be able to be present or not. If not, Maj. LEN MALONEY, Past President, will officiate in his stead.

The marker, in cast bronze, 16¾ inches by 24 inches, bears the following inscription: "NEAR THIS SITE STOOD THE HOUSE IN WHICH WAS BORN ON JANUARY 1, 1860, MAJOR GENERAL CLARENCE RANSOM EDWARDS, D. S. M., COMMANDING OFFICER AND BELOVED 'DADDY' OF THE 26th YANKEE DIVISION, A. E. F., IN THE GREAT WORLD WAR. NO LEADER WAS MORE LOVED OR MORE RESPECTED. NO LEADER WAS A GREATER INSPIRATION TO HIS MEN. (Below this appears the YD insignia). ERECTED BY THE YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION. MCMXXXVI." The tablet was cast by The Bradley & Hubbard Mfg. Co., of Meriden, Conn.

The stone, rough cut granite, stands above the ground a height of three feet in the front, three feet six inches at the back, forming a sloping top two feet by thirty inches, to which the tablet is affixed. On the front vertical surface of the stone appears the YD symbol. The granite is being furnished and cut by JOSEPH ROACH of Ridgefield, Conn., a member of Norwalk Chapter.

To get back to the beginning of the story behind this marker. The original suggestion came from Washington Chapter, in a letter to National Headquarters from RAY QUEENIN, was approved by last year's National Executive Committee and by the Worcester Convention. Since that time the energy and "follow through" of LEN MALONEY, ably aided by JIM HURLEY of New York, who, in his connection with the Great Lakes Exposition, has made a number of trips to Cleveland for conferences with the city officials, has been largely responsible for the successful climaxing of the project.

The only difficulty encountered has been the selection and approval of a site. The house itself no longer stands. Where it formerly stood is now a public mall, which is divided by the City into three sections, "A", "B", and "C". At the present time, section "A" is the entrance to the Great Lakes Exposition and is entirely covered with buildings; section "B" has a great orchestra shell and other structures on it. Section "C" has been designated by the authorities as an acceptable temporary site for the tablet, and it is here that it will be dedicated, in front of the so-called "Ohio Building". At the conclusion of the Exposition and the demolition of some of the buildings, it is to be moved to a permanent site, possibly in front of the Armory, which is only 200 yards from where the house in which General EDWARDS was born formerly stood.

Several officials have, of necessity, been contacted, including those of the Great Lakes Exposition, Rodney C. Sutton, Director of Publicity; the Cleveland City Planning Board, and committees of the American Legion National Convention. Publicity is being ably handled from several sources and there seems to be no reason why every YD man in Cleveland should not be present at the ceremonies.

LEN MALONEY has requested the Legion Committee on Distinguished Guests for a list of personages who have accepted the invitation to be present, and has asked for a small grandstand to be erected by the Great Lakes Exposition.

The cost of the boulder is between $225.00 and $250.00; of the tablet approximately $75.00. It is contemplated by the YD Veterans Association to decide at the meeting of the National Executive Committee on September 17 just how this cost shall be defrayed. One proposed scheme is for the national treasury to defray a fraction, one half or one third, and for the balance to be levied upon Chapters in proportion to their numerical strength, to be paid by the Chapter treasuries and then, if they so vote, collected

from the individual members, in which case it wouldn't amount to more than five or ten cents a man. More on this later. The October Number of YANKEE DOINGS will contain a complete account of the ceremony of dedication.

ANNUAL REUNION
OF 101st INF. VETERANS ASS'N.

The Annual Reunion of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association was held in Clinton, Mass., on September 11 and 12.

On Friday night, September 11, Clinton held high carnival as the first event in the two-day program of the 18th anniversary of the Battle of St. Mihiel was staged before a cheering, milling crowd of 10,000 spectators, who lined the business district of the town as the members of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association made merry and renewed acquaintances with the townspeople who made their first out-door reunion, in the same town five years ago, such a huge success.

From far and near the veterans and their friends had come pouring into town in a steady stream of traffic which reached its high point between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening. There was music by three bands and a rollicking, screamingly funny horrible parade to amuse and entertain the public, which was in more of a holiday mood than has been the case in Clinton in years.

It was a good-natured, happy crowd on the whole, with only an occasional snarl from citizens who had over-imbibed marring the lighthearted atmosphere of the occasion. Some fists were thrown in combat as stay-out-late celebrants, out of sheer boredom, because the regular program had been run through, tried to manufacture some excitement by squabbling among themselves.

The Clamshell Group, representing Haile Selassie and his retinue, took first prize of $15 in the horrible parade, which was one of the best ever seen in this part of the state. Second prize of $10 was awarded a funny car representing a South Hadley group, and third prize went to Leaping Lena, the weirdest auto ever seen in Clinton. Honorable mention went to a fascinatingly funny maid and her entourage, representing the Musical Unit. Over a score of strange and unusual entries, with the V. F. W. fife and drum corps costumed in a garb which was as varied as it was original. The dance in the Municipal Building was jammed, while on the steps of the same building the band of the James Mansfield Post, A. L., played until 2 A. M.

Early Saturday morning an aerial gun boomed out 18 rounds at Central Park, one for each year since the Battle of St. Mihiel. The annual business meeting and election of officers of the 101st Inf. veterans was conducted in the Town Hall at 10 A. M.

This meeting was called to order by President PETER J. SCHOFIELD, who introduced Selectmen Philbin and Kelly, who welcomed the veterans to the town and wished them a successful and enjoyable convention. The guests of honor, General EDWARD L. LOGAN, ALBERT W. HERMAN, D. S. C., National President, Y. D. V. A., who had driven 250 miles from Connecticut to be present. Vice-Commanders JOHN McGUIRE and RALPH LAVEIS of Mass. Department of the American Legion were escorted to the platform and spoke briefly.

Secretary WILLIAM B. GALLAGHER read the minutes of the preceding meeting, followed by Historian WILLIAM HALL, who read the resolutions submitted by this committee, (and accepted by the body) favoring the stamping out of Communism, the erection of a veterans' hospital in the Boston area, better facilities in veterans' hospitals, care for the widows and children of deceased veterans, the deportation of three million aliens in the country and the barring of aliens in state jobs.

The election of officers followed, with EDWARD "KNOCKO" McCORMACK elected president by acclamation. EDDY McCORMACK, a Croix de Guerre man and first president of B Company, was the organizer of the first veterans organization in France. First vice-president, WILLIAM LAWLOR of L Company; second vice-president, FRED JONES of G Company; WILLIAM GALLAGHER, secretary; ALBERT PACIFICI, treasurer; and WILLIAM HALL, historian.

The executive committee chosen comprises LESLIE PERRY of Boston, GEORGE SCALES, Worcester; DAVID CURTIN of Brookline. JOHN E. WHALEN of Boston was named sergeant-at-arms

and JOHN W. COUGHLIN of West Roxbury, judge-advocate.

A humorous touch was injected into the election by the debonair and usually quiet GEORGE SCALES of G Company, who opposed the nomination of BILL HALL, whom he termed "an undertaker Historian", but who complimented the "literary committee" on the fine convention number of the program of the 101st Inf. veterans, "so unlike the male beauty photo number, so devoid of news, produced by JOE GAUTHIER and his partners in crime" at the recent Y.D.V.A. reunion in Worcester.

At the completion of the election, General EDWARD L. LOGAN gave a resume of the 75th anniversary of the Ninth Regiment, held in Boston in June, and informed the veterans that souvenirs of the old regiment are being collected for exhibition for their room in the East Newton St. Armory in Boston. President SCHOFIELD tendered the gavel to the newly-elected president, McCORMACK, who thanked the body for their confidence in him and promised them a year of progress, more members and a good treasury.

The veterans adjourned, some to eat and make plans for the parade. The writer, the Past-Commander of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, and National President ALBERT W. HERMAN joined Major Peter F. Connelly as his guest at the dinner at the Sterling Inn.

The big parade was held at 2.30 P. M., comprising all the companies in the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, posts from the A. L. and V.F.W. and civic organizations, National Guard outfits, caravans of army trucks, beautiful floats; some 8000 marchers that wound in a sinuous stream over a three-mile course in view of 50,000 spectators. St. Rita's Cadets of Lowell, led by Father Dennis Maguire, captured first prize in the junior competition. Second to this group was the Adams Sq. Drum Corps of Worcester. Major prizes of $125 went to the James J. Mansfield Band of Concord, second prize to Clark Post, A. L. band of Natick and third prize to Watertown, A. L. band. The cloudburst that drenched the town after the parade drove many home, while others sought the shelter and hospitality of the large hall leased by President McCORMACK and B Co., where refreshments were served to all.

The observance of St. Mihiel Day closed with a military ball in the Municipal Building and an elaborate display of fireworks.

—M. J. MOONEY.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP STANDING

Since the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS, three new Chapters have been organized: in Bangor, Maine, Marlboro, Mass., and Winsted, Conn.

The standing by Chapters is as follows:

MAINE	
Bangor	11
Lewiston	23
Portland	42
Waterville	2
At Large	43
TOTAL	121

NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Concord	22
Keene	48
Manchester	56
Nashua	25
At Large	25
TOTAL	176

VERMONT	
Rutland	12
At Large	18
TOTAL	30

MASSACHUSETTS	
Attleboro	12
Boston	435
Brockton	36
Clinton	21
Fitchburg	69
Holyoke	17
Lawrence	75
Lowell	142
Lynn	134
Marlboro	30
Milford	37
New Bedford	41
Northampton	15
Plymouth	10
Salem	26
Springfield	49
Webster	20
Worcester	138
At Large	156
TOTAL	1463

CONNECTICUT	
Bridgeport	51
Bristol	69
Hartford	141
Manchester	30
Meriden	40
Middletown	25
New Britain	60
New Haven	240
New Milford	7
Norwalk	37
Stamford	50
Terryville	19
Valley	18
Wallingford	16
Waterbury	55
Willimantic	18
Winsted	14
At Large	23
TOTAL	913

RHODE ISLAND	
At Large	66

UNITED STATES	
Chicago	30
Los Angeles	26
Newark	16
New York	131
Washington	35
At Large	158
TOTAL	396

GRAND TOTAL (Exclusive of Life Members)	3165

The present total membership, as this issue goes to press (Sept. 10), is 3165, far above any total ever before reached in the history of the Association.

WATCH US GROW

AMERICANISM BULLETIN

By ROYAL K. HAYES
Director of Americanization, Y. D. V. A.

—Democracy is dying in Europe. The world has been made practically safe for autocratic dictatorships. Glorified mugs and morons possess unlimited powers of government. Europe is a madhouse and the crazy march toward economic and political death has started. In the near future the wheatfields of Europe once again will be drenched with human blood. Bombs like shooting stars will rain death upon a hundred cities. Death walks the boulevards and highways of Europe. Professional pacifists are destined to think up new ways of earning a living. Honest but misguided pacifists are due to realize the sad experience of complete disillusionment. It will take more than the will-to-believe or pep talks at peace meetings held in United States to stop the scheduled knock-down and drag-out fight between Communism and Fascism.

It is only natural for Americans to desire peace in preference to war. Social and economic security has a tendency to create a contented public opinion and a respect for law and order. A good steak always tastes better than stale hardtack. And a bed in a cottage in United States is better than a cootie-infested blanket upon the cold muddy ground of a front-line trench in Europe. Let Europe and Asia fight their own wars. And thank God for 3000 miles of water on each side of the United States, plus the goodwill of Canada and the South American countries. This is not a selfish attitude. It is the only approach sane men and women can make when facing the problem of self-preservation in the light of current trends in Europe and Asia. It is a waste of time to argue with a madman or a drunk. Dictators in Europe and Asia are drunk on power. There is no cure for the power-drunk dictator. War and the collapse of culture follow in the wake of every dictatorship.

We who live in the United States pride ourselves on our love of freedom and personal liberty. In the last analysis we oppose Communism and Fascism for the same reasons that we oppose pacifism and internationalism. They are symptoms of decadence. We recognize the fact that East is East and West is West and United States is neither Europe nor Asia. Man is not a perfect creature even in the United States. This is not the best of all possible worlds. But with our back-ground of experience in government and with our peculiar temperament as a people, we choose to live as free men rather than exist as slaves. And we are intellectually honest when we hold that American democracy is the best form of government for a free people. Facts speak for the record and the record over a period of years proves beyond a reasonable doubt that we who live in United States are better off politically and economically than are the peoples of Europe and Asia.

Now a wise man does not exchange superior merchandise for inferior merchandise. Only a foolish sucker would trade dollars for dimes. Our form of government, in spite of the ballyhoo artists and stuffed shirts, is by far the best system of government for men and women who like to mind their own business. The most important thing from a personal point of view is the right to enjoy one's earthly pilgrimage from the cradle to the grave. And how can we old veterans make life an art when some sap or self-appointed dictator trys to tell us how to think and when to jump the hurdles or kiss the greasy paw? Americans never must tolerate any form of dictatorship.

There are times when the end justifies the means. We hold no brief against men or mountains. Europe and Asia are swell places to visit. There are congenial souls in every port of call. We oppose dictatorships rather than men and women. But we strongly object to hired agents, propagandists and weak-minded theorists who by word or deed endeavor to establish Communism or Fascism in United States. Often it is good business to hit hard and fast and silence the enemies within our gates. The best defensive usually is a good offensive. Why should we hesitate to destroy our enemies? We too must live. Those persons who prefer Communism or Fascism can live in countries where dictatorships are in vogue. Adequate national defense is our only guarantee for permanent peace.

Things are happening too fast at home and abroad for us to spend precious hours in idle discussions. We no longer can afford to consider many problems of government from the academic point of view. It is zero hour! And zero hour means action. We shall resolve to keep out of the mess in Europe and Asia. No lousy dictator is worth the life of one American doughboy. Men who soldiered in France have reached the hour of decision in judging affairs of state at

home. There is something rotten about the politician, demagog, or professional trouble-maker who teaches the anti-American spirit of arraignment of class against class. In France we did not ask a man his religion or politics when he offered us a cigarette. Bullets knew no favorites in France. If we fell into a shell-hole we did not refuse to move until we were pulled out by a former resident of Beacon Hill or Charlestown. In France we were soldiers and comrades. And many of us would not exchange the spirit of the old YD for all the exclusive club memberships between Hell and Harlem. Men who shared a common experience speak a language that is understood.

Veterans are the safest and best influence in United States, with the exception of religion and the American home. The Communist Party, the American Liberty League and the Black Legion never can stand for the things that men stand for who lived and died together in France. Why should we cast our pearls before swine? Why should we allow selfish individuals or a group of shallow-minded sore-heads to destroy the glorious and priceless privileges of American democracy? Men who offered their services and lives in 1917 are better qualified to discuss loyalty towards God and country and their appreciation of democracy and genuine Americanism, than are the phonies who hide behind a sheet, a Red flag or a stuffed shirt. It is a disgrace for an overseas veteran to suffer from an inferiority complex when dealing with parlor pinks or selfish stuffed shirts.

Comrades, we live in a dangerous age. We did not choose when or where we were to be born. But we believe that as people go and as governments operate, the old U. S. A. is the promised land for lovers of personal freedom. We have been taught to live and let live. And no person or group of persons can separate us from our birthright to pursue happiness. Strike down bigotry and intolerance wherever it lifts its stupid head. And let us conserve the blessings of free institutions and American democracy.

VETERANS DAY AT NIANTIC

For many years, until last year, the veterans of the Yankee Division have made an annual visit to Camp Devens (now Fort Devens) during the annual encampment of the present 26th Division. This year the old 102nd Infantry decided to visit IT's old stamping grounds at Camp Cross, Niantic, Conn., on Sunday, August 23, where it trained in 1917 for wartime service, to have a look at the boys who are now carrying on (and incidentally to let them have a look at the old-timers). The present Connecticut National Guard is known as the 43rd Division, of which one Infantry Brigade, the 85th, commanded by the YD's own Gen. JIM HAGGERTY, is comprised of Connecticut troops. The two regiments are the 102nd and 169th Infantry, the former commanded by Col. LEWIS FIELD.

Arrangements for Veterans Day, which was also Governor's Day, were arranged by Col. HARRY BISSELL.

The following account of the ceremonies is reprinted from The Waterbury Republican:

> To the music of two military bands, the thunder of hundreds of hoofs, the rumble of trucks and the hum of airplanes, the military forces of the state, 4,000 strong, paraded before Gov. Wilbur L. Cross in the most brilliant spectacle of its kind the state has witnessed in years.

The old 102d, the veterans of the state's complement of the Yankee Division which left its blood on nearly every battlefield of France, marched again, following the present members of the 102d, most of the latter being nearly 20 years their juniors. As a fitting climax to the spectacular review, nearly 800 veterans of the wartime 102d and of other units of the wartime 26th Division, from all parts of the state, nearly half of them clad in the new uniforms of the YD Veterans Association, the French army horizon blue, followed the various units of the state's National Guard in its parade past Gov. Cross and the reviewing stand. It was governor's day, the day when the state's chief executive reviews the state's armed forces, but it was also a reunion day for the veterans of the state's National Guard who fought in France.

Officers Present.

Prior to the review, all the units of the National Guard were lined up on the immense drill field, facing the governor's reviewing stand. With the governor was Maj. Gen. Morris B. Payne, commander of the 43d division, which includes the National Guards of three other New England states. Brig. Gen. JAMES A. HAGGERTY, who rose

from a private to a major during the World war, commander of the 85th brigade, which includes the 102d and 169th infantries, with his staff, advanced in front of the stand to take the review.

The 102d, led by Col. LEWIS FIELD, to the music of the old Second Connecticut march, led the parade, followed by the 169th. Then came the special troops of the 43d division. After them came the 122d cavalry, which first passed at a walk and then at a gallop.

Next to the cavalry the most impressive feature of the review was the seemingly endless quadruple-line of cars, ambulances and trucks. This, it was pointed out, is indicative of the growing tendency to mechanize the army. The divisional tanks did not appear today as most of them are now considered obsolete. Over 200 trucks, used for transporting troops and supplies, followed.

Closing Feature.

The chief feature of the parade, however, came at the close, as the nearly 800 veterans of the wartime Yankee Division passed in review. Although it is 18 years since most of them marched in military formation and though they had no opportunity for a preliminary drill, they executed squads right and marched with as trim precision as they used to march two decades ago.

Although much older and fatter than then, most of them, at least those who wore the new snappy uniforms of horizon blue, presented as soldierly an appearance as the younger members of the guard. They were led by ALBERT HERMAN of Norwalk, national president of the YD association, WILLIAM THOMPSON of Bristol, state president, and JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM of Waterbury, state vice-president.

Reaching the governor's stand, they executed squads right and stood at attention. While the rumble of the departing trucks still lingered in the air and while two squadrons of the state's air corps zoomed overhead, Gov. Cross expressed his and the states appreciation of their services.

"We can never forget your bravery at the Chemin des Dames, Seicheprey, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, Verdun and the Argonne," he said. "I congratulate you and express the state's appreciation of the character of all you men." Complimenting them on the appearance of their new uniforms and referring to the many who were not so clothed, he said they presented a fine appearance even though "only part of you used your bonus money to buy uniforms".

Many wartime veterans of the YD were either in the reviewing stand or in active command of the passing national guard troops. Among them on the stand were Col. Michael A. Connor, motor vehicle commissioner, and Col. Harry B. Bissell, now staff officers of the guard. Both confessed to a lump in their throats and a few tears in their eyes as those who served under them in the war passed by.

SUGGESTED YD RITUAL FOR BURIAL SERVICES

The following ritual has been used effectively and impressively by some of the Connecticut chapters in the conduct of burial services and is recommended for general use throughout the Association. It was drawn up by HERBERT BRANN of New Britain Chapter.

The positions taken by Chapter officers are as follows:

Chaplain: At head of casket on side where field of flag is draped.

President: At foot on same side.

First V. P.: At head, on opposite side from Chaplain.

Second V. P.: At foot, opposite President.

Sgt.-at-Arms: (with wreath): Behind and to right of Chaplain.

Delegation of members and other mourners: Facing casket, along side.

President: — Attention?

We are here assembled to pay our last tribute of respect to our departed Comrade, who has gone before.

When the call of our country was heard, this Comrade answered.

Self was forgotten in the cause of the greater good. Like a brave man, he marched away, and like a strong man he returned to the duties of civil life with an abiding faith in his God, his Country and Flag.

The red of our country's flag was redder still by his heroism; the white, more stainlessly pure by the motives which impelled him, and, in the

starry field of our Nation's Glorious Banner, the blue has been glorified by the service he has given for American ideals.

Parade, rest.

The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Prayer.

Chaplain: God of Battles. Father of all. Amidst these monuments of the dead we see Thy hand.

In the depth of our sorrow we realize the truth of the inspired words: "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live".

As Comrade after Comrade departs we march on with the ranks grown thinner. Help us to be faithful unto Thee and to one another.

We beseech Thee, look in mercy on the widows and children of our deceased Comrades, and with Thine own Tenderness, console and comfort those bereaved by the hand of Death.

Give them the "Oil of joy for the mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness".

Heavenly Father, bless our Country with freedom, peace and righteousness, and through Thy Sovereign and Holy Spirits favor, may we all meet at last before Thy throne of Grace in Heaven.

And to Thy Great Name shall be praise forever and forever. Amen.

(All Comrades repeat Amen and assume position of "at ease".)

President: One by one, as the years roll on, we are called upon to fulfill these sad duties of respect to our departed Comrades. The present, full of the cares and pleasures of civil life, fades away and we look back to the time when, shoulder to shoulder on the bloody battlefields or around the guns of battleships, we fought for our dear old Flag. We trust our Comrades spirit, on land and sea, a spirit noble, obedient to the behest of duty, by reason of which our country is secure and our loved ones entitled to live in peace under the folds of the Flag, will prove a glorious beacon to the youth of our Country, who, in years to come, may be called upon to uphold the honor of our Flag.

As the years roll on, we, too, shall have finished our fight, shall be laid to rest, and our souls follow the long column to the realms above, as all enfolding Death, hour by hour, shall mark his recruits.

Comrades, let us so live that when the Keeper of the Eternal Records shall have called our names for the last time, those we leave behind may say about our graves as we say now of this Comrade, "Here lies all that is mortal of a true-hearted Comrade, and a fearless defender of his Country and Flag".

President: Officers, you will now perform the last duties of your station.

Second Vice-President places a sprig of evergreen upon the casket and repeats: "On behalf of The New Britain Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association, I present this tribute as a symbol of our undying love for our Comrade".

First Vice-President — placing white flowers upon the casket, repeats: "I place this symbol of purity upon this casket, and may each future generation emulate the unselfish devotion to duty of the lowliest of our Comrades".

Sergeant-at-Arms — placing a laurel wreath upon the casket, repeats: "We place this last token of affection from his comrades in arms upon the casket of our departed Comrade and crown his mortal dust with this symbol of Victory".

President—gently holding up one corner of the regulation Flag covering the casket, or placing a small American Flag on the casket if there is none on it already, repeats: "On behalf of our glorious Republic, for whose integrity our Comrade of the Yankee Division Veterans Association enlisted and served, we place upon his casket this emblem of our Country whose arms are always open to shelter the oppressed".

Chaplain—Chaplain reads "The Y. D. Cemetery" or some other suitable poem.

(See below).

Chaplain — Benediction —

May the Blessing and Benediction of Heaven be upon us and our Comrades wherever dispersed the world over. Amen.

President then Commands right hand salute, after which, by Command and in single file, the delegation marches from room or away from grave.

THE YD CEMETERY

By the Late Co. Harry B. Anderson, Former Judge Advocate, 26th Div.

The peasant children pass it as they leave the village school,
The pious strangers cross themselves along the road to Toul,
The captains call attention as the dusty troops plod by,
The officers salute it though receiving no reply;
'Tis a spot all brown and barren 'mid the poppies and the grain—
The YD cemetery by a roadside in Lorraine.

A row of wooden crosses and beneath the upturned sod
The hearts once wild and restless now know the peace of God.
The brave young lads who left us while life was at its flood,
While life was fresh and joyous and fire was in the blood,
Their young lives so enfranchised from mirth or joy or pain,
They sleep the sleep eternal by a roadside in Lorraine.

Of all the Myriad places for the dead of man to rest,
The graveyard of the warrior for a freeman is the best;
Oh! not for them out pity, but far across the foam,
For the gray-haired mother weeping in some New England home,
'Tis she who has our pity, 'tis she who feels the pain
Of the YD cemetery by a roadside in Lorraine.

The plodding columns pass them along the old Toul road;
New companies come marching where yesterday they strode;
Above, the whirr of motors — beyond, the roar of guns,
Where their allies and their brothers join battle with the Huns,
And the sunlight of their glory bursts through the clouds and rain
O'er the YD cemetery by a roadside in Lorraine.

ORCHIDS TO ROLAND HUSSEY

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

Orchids to ROLAND HUSSEY for the best letter to DOINGS in many a day. Col. John Henry's machine-gun barrage punctured some inviting targets but failed to register even a ricochet hit on Hussey's central idea.

Our particular pearl of great price is that Y. D. V. A. "has what it takes" to make the perfect reunion. That's plenty. No need to be an imitation anything.

Organizations which haven't much else to play with naturally deflate their lungs on near-politics, "Americanization" and what-have-you. These furnish most of the noise and all the headaches. We should borrow grief.

Resolutions by the ream; and do you offhand recall one that ever made the slightest difference? Neither do I.

Len has put his finger on one sure-fire exhaust: civic activities. An admirable means to an end which requires no apology — another perfectly good excuse to get together.

Bunk aside, the get-together's the thing.

Every YD meeting a YD reunion.

—"FULLER P. NARD".

THIS NUMBER

This number is late in coming out, due largely to the fact that the editor was on vacation until September 8. In this job, if one is to get away at all, the only thing to do is just shut the desk and leave; one time is no easier than another. So, with apologies to the readers, we'll try to be more prompt in the future.

WHO HAS COPY OF FIRST ISSUE OF DOINGS?

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

Have just been reading the Convention reports of the Worcester jamboree and from all accounts you must have had a fine time. Sorry that I could not make it, but will surely be on deck for the Portland time. The other day, LEON HALL called in to see Colonel HUME and the "Old Man" sent me a bunch of YANKEE DOINGS, so, as far as I can make out, I am missing only one copy, and that is Vol. 1, Number 1. I hereby appoint you a committee of one to secure it for me. I have a large number of old copies to swap for that one, and if that will not bring it I would probably commit murder for it only due to the fact that the owner would probably be a YD man and those birds are too tough to kill. I also would like to get my file of Legion Weeklies complete and am lacking only four copies. They are Vol. 2, No. 2, Copies 3-4-5-6. Can you put an insertion in the next issue of DOINGS about my wants?

Lisbon Falls, Me., August 16. —ELLIOTT K. HALE.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The National Executive Committee is holding its first regular meeting of this year's officers, at National Headquarters in Boston, on Thursday, September 17, to lay down plans for the coming Fall and Winter campaign of activities throughout the field.

It would be of the greatest assistance if EVERY Chapter would advise the National Secretary the date between now and next June it would like to receive the National President on his annual visit.

A MAN NAMED ERNIE PARENT

If there is one fella in the YD who makes the care of disabled comrades almost a religion, it is the Y. D. V. A.'s National Service Officer, ERNIE PARENT of Worcester. Day and night, seven days a week, he is on the hop, taking this man to a hospital, visiting another at his home, appearing with still another before the doctors or rating boards of the Bureau. We scarcely see how he finds time to eat and sleep, let alone give any attention to his bride of only a few months.

One thing Ernie strongly urges: for each and every Chapter to appoint a service officer and send their names and addresses to him. He may be addressed at National Headquarters, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston. Also bring to the attention of the local chapter service officer every case of a YD man needing medical attention, or assistance in any claim he may have at the Bureau; then enlist Ernie's help.

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TESTIMONIAL DINNER TO PAST PRESIDENT LEN MALONEY

On Saturday evening, September 26, the Yankee Division Veterans Association is tendering a testimonial banquet to its Past National President LEN MALONEY, at the Farmington Country Club, Farmington, Connecticut. We'll be able to tell you more about this gala affair next month, and particularly about the unusual gift being presented to Len. Don't want to mention it now for fear it might get to him; and, like a bunch of kids, we want to surprise him.

FOR A FRONT LINE CANDIDATE

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

I know that YD men have never become all hot and bothered over any of the previous presidential candidates, but this year an unusual condition arises.

On the one hand we have the opportunity of voting for a war-time cabinet officer who sat in his sanctum and issued orders which we had to obey. I use that phrase figuratively because he was in the navy and, although his distinguished cousin, Teddy, had established a precedent years ago by resigning his clerkship and enlisting for front line duty, the above mentioned gentleman preferred the society of Washington to the cooties of the trenches.

On the other hand we have the spectacle of not only the candidate for Chief Executive, but also his side-kick, being Honest-to-God members of the good old U. S. Army. Gov. Landon was a Captain in the Chemical Warfare Corps, and I believe he served in France. Col. Knox, although he had seen service as a Rough Rider in the Spanish War, enlisted and saw service in the Argonne as a Colonel in the Artillery.

Personally I care not what you do, but, as for me and mine, we shall vote for the two men that had guts enough to enlist in a he-man's outfit. For if they had intestinal fortitude then, they are the ones we now need to lead us in the fight against present-day conditions.

—EDWIN A. HOLMES,
(104th Inf.)

Winthrop, Mass.,
August 24.

WHAT TEAM WORK MEANS

Slowly the summer is going. Many will return to their old time jobs, and many will still be looking for a job that will help them forget their worries.

Our National President has one big year ahead of him, and a job which will keep him busy day and night. He told us that he would not use big words but words that all of us would understand. His meaning had power.

Some time ago I was given the salutation of "OLD BILL" ADAMS, so as "OLD BILL" ADAMS I wish to write on the power of the Y. D. V. A.

Niagara Falls, with its billions of gallons of water, is of no value in generating electricity without those wonderful mechanical devices that harness that unseen power, and relay it for miles to the various communities that use it.

Our own Y. D. V. A. of today, especially our State Departments, are, and will be, of no value unless these wonderful agencies, such as our Chapters, work in harmony with their main unit, our National Headquarters. All we have to do is to stop and think that the gas engine is of no value without the carburetor, battery, radiator and timer, and all of the vital parts that harmonize with each other to make that power.

No leader, be it HERMAN and his official hard-working family, or THOMPSON and his family, can be of any value to us unless all the units under them perform in the same way as the carburetor, battery and timer, and help to make the power. So it is up to all Chapter Presidents and members and local officers to harmonize with our State officers, and see to it that our own unit will function and hit on all cylinders.

Should the case be that the local engine does not hit on all cylinders, then it is up to the local members to overhaul that engine. If new spark

plugs are needed, then by all means secure a more lively spark for that engine. Power with membership is what President HERMAN needs. We must stand with our shoulders together, we must have all the same mind, and that mind must be in harmony within the local ranks. With that on our side, the Y. D. V. A. will expand and gain power like the famous Falls, or the gas engine.

Those of us who have served in the old YD must strive to secure those men who are not members of the Y. D. V. A. We must look ahead to the hard work that awaits one and all. We of the Y. D. V.A. want that power, we want more members, just like other veteran organizations. We do not want to get ahead of the others, but we do want to get ahead of ourselves, to break last year's record, to outstrip our yesterday by today, and to work with more energy than was ever expended before.

To get ahead of last year's record we must have power, and all of our pals will be with us in Portland, the city of sea, ships, and hospitality, mingled with all the good times they have in store for us in June 1937.

—"OLD BILL" ADAMS.

CONSTITUTION
of the
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The following Constitution of the Department of Massachusetts, Yankee Division Veterans Association is hereby adopted and proclaimed by authority of Article V of the National Constitution, Yankee Division Veterans Association, which reads in part as follows:

ARTICLE V
DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. The seven Departments of this Association enumerated in Article IV, section 2, shall exist by virtue of this Constitution. . . . . .

Section 2. Departments may adopt such Constitutions and By-Laws as they may decide, not to conflict with any provision of this Constitution.

No part of this Constitution shall at any time by any person be interpreted or construed in a manner to grant authority to this Department to do that which is forbidden by the National Constitution, YD Veterans Association; nor to take action on any matter which said National Constitution states shall be performed by the National Convention, National Executive Committee or National Officers.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this Department shall be Department of Massachusetts, Yankee Division Veterans Association.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE

Section 1. The general purpose of this Department shall be identical with the purpose of the National Yankee Division Veterans Association, as set forth in Article III of the National Constitution.

Section 2. The particular purpose of this Department shall be to act as administrative liaison between National Headquarters and the Chapters and members within this Department.

ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATION

This Department shall be comprised primarily of its members, but shall be composed for administrative purposes of the several chartered Chapters of the Yankee Division Veterans Association existing at any time within its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE IV
CHAPTERS

This Department shall have no power over the granting or revocation of charters to Chapters within the Department except advisory power; full authority being vested by the National Constitution in the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V
MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Department shall consist of every active member in good standing of every chartered Chapter within this Department plus every active member-at-large in good standing of the Yankee Division Veterans Association residing in Massachusetts. Requirements for such membership are set forth in Article VII of the National Constitution.

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS

Section 1. At least eleven meetings of this Department shall be held during each calendar year. These meetings may be held at any point in the State of Massachusetts, preferably in as

many different cities and towns as is found feasible, the place of each meeting to be decided by a prior meeting of this Department.

Section 2. Special meetings may be held at any time by call of the Department President, provided all Chapters have been notified in writing.

Section 3. The first meeting held during the month of March of any year shall be known as the Nominating Meeting, and nominations shall be made at that meeting for all Department officers. Nominations may be made at that meeting and seconded from the floor by any member in good standing. The man seconding any nomination shall not be a member of the same Chapter as the man making the nomination.

Section 4. The first meeting held during the month of April of any year shall be known as the Annual Meeting. This meeting shall elect all Department officers for the year commencing at the succeeding National Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans Association in June, with the exception of the Department President. The Annual Meeting shall also arrive at a choice for the office of Department President and shall advise the Nominating Committee of the National Yankee Division Veterans Association of its choice that it may, if it sees fit, place the name before the National Convention as candidate for National Vice President for this Department, by virtue of election to which office he shall become automatically President of this Department. (SEE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1.)

Section 5. In the election of officers, the candidate for each office receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected.

Section 6. At any meeting of this Department, every member in good standing present shall be entitled to one vote on any question before the meeting, including election of officers.

ARTICLE VII

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

Section 1. The National Vice President for this Department, elected at the Annual National Convention shall be President of this Department.

Section 2. The other officers of this Department shall be: Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Service Officer. These shall be nominated and elected in the manner set forth in Sections 2 and 3 of Article V of this Constitution.

Section 3. Department officers shall assume office at the conclusion of the Annual National Convention following their election, and shall serve until the conclusion of the next succeeding Annual National Convention or until their successors shall have been chosen, except that any officer except the Department President may be removed from office for cause stated in open meeting, and after granting a hearing, by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting at any meeting of this Department.

Section 4. Any vacancy occurring at any time in any Department office except that of Department President shall be filled by a special election which may be held at any regular meeting, provided that all Chapters have been notified of such vacancies prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Department officers together with the President of each Chartered Chapter within the Department shall constitute the Department Executive Committee. The functions of the Department Executive Committee shall be limited to the formulation of plans and policies to be placed before the full Department for its action.

ARTICLE IX

FINANCE

Section 1. No dues in this Department shall be assessed upon any individual member thereof.

Section 2. By majority vote of any meeting, the Department may levy an assessment upon the several Chapters within the Department, either in equal amount or in proportion to their numerical strength, provided however that all Chapters must be included in any assessment thus levied.

Section 3. This Department may accept voluntary donations from any or all of its members or any or all of its Chapters.

Section 4. This Department may raise sufficient revenue for operating purposes in any legal manner not forbidden by the National Constitution, Yankee Division Veterans Association.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at any meeting, provided that due notice of the proposed action shall have been given at the immediately preceding meeting, and that all Chapters shall have been notified in writing of the proposed amendment, prior to the meeting at which action will be taken.

Above Was Ratified

At Salem, Sept. 13, 1936

AN INTERESTING TOUR

On July 8th, my family and I left Detroit for British Columbia and for the threefold purpose of enjoying our first vacation in seven years, to enable me to secure a long rest and change of climate, to make this trip westward as educational a one as possible for the children.

The first four days were very hot and the latter part of these days quite dusty. The roads, in a great many instances, were under construction, causing us to drive slowly and with exceptional care, as there would not be shoulders alongside the road, nor were they very wide.

The terrain we traveled over was varied. There was that section where all one could see was dry, dusty, and poor farming land, and yet, when considering the beautiful scenic surroundings of other farming lands, it did not cause us to think ill of the unfortunate folk who were laboring to provide themselves with homes suitable for their livelihood.

We were fortunate enough to observe large herds of cattle that were being driven to better grazing grounds by cowboys. This was something that stirred the children and had them gazing ntently at their first glimpse of cowboys and hort-horn steers.

The famous "Band Lands" of South Dakota were also visited. We were amply compensated by those strange looking and magnificent formations in their many colorful and odd constructions. For miles stretched out before us were these mountainous peaks, with the road circling and interwinding among them. At each widened turn of the road or at specially constructed parking areas, we would pause and look about us at this wonderful work of natural art. We felt awed at their height and the expanse of country they covered and all the more so when, before us, and either below us or way off in the distance, we observed fellow travelers driving along who appeared like ants in lines steadily going on and on.

We visited one of the few Crystal Caverns and observed this deposit of crystal in its natural state that was left by the receding waters or upheaval of land so many millions of years ago. In this same vicinity of the Black Hills we had the opportunity of seeing some Sioux Indians in their tribal dances, and were shown how they wear, and the many uses they have, for a blanket; how they formally followed the customs of their tribe in carrying on a conversation in sign language with a strange tribe, how they made love and purchased their brides, and how they treated sick Indians and, lastly, how they prepared their dead for burial. During the course of our visit we made the acquaintance of three living humans who were present during the Custer Massacre and of these three, one was a white man. This man told us tales that were interesting and which we believed to be true.

We also traveled through Yellowstone National Park and saw the many "mud Geysers", "hot springs" and the biggest geyser of all, "Old Faithful". We saw one of the bears of the park stand and beg for something to eat of a fellow traveler. It also was our good fortune to have a young wolf cross in front of our car, and many other animals in or near the road.

After leaving Yellowstone, we traveled through Montana and the famous Yakina Valley of Washington, crossed the International line at Blaine and drove on thirty-five miles to Vancouver, B. C., Canada, and here we were busily occupied taking in the various entertainments given in behalf of the "Golden Jubilee" of this city, swimming in the many beaches and then, by way of one of the Canadian Pacific boats, crossed over to Vancouver Island. Here we stopped in the city of Victoria, most appropriately called "A little bit of Old England", and after a short two-day visit went up the Island to our present location at Qualicum Beach.

The ocean is outside my cabin door and the view of blue water surrounded by islands and mountains is hard to beat.

As I rest here in this beautiful setting, it is only proper that I say I wish you all could be here with me and enjoy the wonderful bathing and temperate climate with the same zest, and with the taste of salt air, the scenic effect.

—Dave Swartz.
Vancouver Island, B. C. (102nd Amb. Co.)

THE YEAR'S BEST SUGGESTION

Credit Ben Pitman of Stamford with this one. It is Ben's suggestion, and we hope every YD Chapter in the United States goes through with it, that every local YD Club list itself in its local telephone directory. List it alphabetically, under the "Y's", where it will come pretty close to the top. "YD Club of Worcester", or "YD Club of Keene", or whatever it may be. If the Club has no quarters of its own, or no phone, simply put down the number of the home phone or business phone of either the President or Secretary.

Thus, when any visiting fireman is in town, he'll be able to get in touch with local goings-on. Carry out this suggestion; it's a peach.

NEW PRINTER FOR YANKEE DOINGS

This issue of YANKEE DOINGS is printed by the Washington Press of Worcester, Mass., of which firm RAYMOND J. ROSSEEL (G Co., 101st Inf.) is a member.

It is the first time DOINGS has been printed outside of Boston.

" SHORTS "

ALFRED BECK, JR. (101st F. A.) has been made clerk of the Boston Real Estate Exchange. He is connected with the firm of Meredith & Grew, Inc. In reporting his appointment, the Boston Globe offered Al the worst insult possible in stating that he served with the 101st Engineers. For a cannoneer to be taken for a "berry-picker"! We bet Al hasn't bought a Globe since.

Reverend WILLARD S. SMITH, Past National Chaplain of the YD Veterans Association, whose splendid memorial address at the Worcester Convention was printed as the editorial of last month's YANKEE DOINGS, has accepted a call to the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in East Jaffrey, N. H. Mr. Smith became student minister of the Holden Baptist Church in Holden, Mass., in 1933 and was later made permanent pastor. Much of the expense of his preparation at Newton Theological Seminary, culminating in his ordination in Holden in June of this year, was met through his skill as a semi-professional magician, for which he is widely known in central and western Massachusetts. He served during the war as an enlisted man in A Co., 104th Infantry.

An interesting impromptu reunion took place recently on a street corner near the Boston YD Club, when MARTY TAYLOR almost bumped into an old pal whom he thought was in Georgia at the moment. The pal prefers not to have his name mentioned; he returned to Florida shortly afterward. He was accompanied by his southern wife and their "Georgia Peach", age three years.

A daughter, Joan, was born on August 17 to Mr. and Mrs. AUSTIN F. APPLEBY. As most DOINGS readers know, Austin is President of the YD club of Boston, and served in I Co., 104th Infantry. The little girl is their first child.

FRANK J. BURBANK (C Co., 103rd Inf.) has been appointed janitor of the High School at Livermore Falls, Maine.

The YD's premier globe-trotter, LEON F. DENIS (Sup. Co., 104th Inf.) has just completed a 6000-mile jaunt from his present station at Fort Bliss, Texas, which brought him almost within striking distance of the YD Club in Boston; but so many urgent calls had to be made en route, he found he had to pass that up. On his last day, he made 725 miles, from Oklahoma City to El Paso in 12 hours! Well, we'd hate to doubt the word of a YD pal, but cripes, that's movin'.

JOE GALLIGAN UP

JOE GALLIGAN, Secretary-Treasurer of the YD Club of Boston, one of the best known and, almost certainly, the best loved member of B Company 101st Infantry, was recently recognized for the sterling hard worker and conscientious fella that he is by appointment to the position of Probation officer of South Boston Municipal Court, the court presided over by his old wartime, C. O., Gen. EDWARD L. LOGAN.

Despite the fact that Joe, who formerly arose at 5:00 P. M., now has to be up at 5:00 A. M., he is thriving and gaining weight on the job. Over 250 of his friends and admirers gathered at the Hotel Minerva, on the evening of August 17, to "throw" a party for Joe, which was tops in enthusiasm and sincere friendship for the guest of honor.

"KNOCKO" MCCORMACK acted, in his own inimitable way, as master of ceremonies; JOHN DENNIHAN rendered vocal selections, and a varied program of entertainment accompanied an excellent meal.

Joe was presented with a desk set and several other gifts and was all but flabbergasted by the testimony of the affection in which the fellows hold him.

TRENCH FEVER VOLUNTEERS

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your letter of July 3, 1936.

The members of the House Committee on Military Affairs could not come to an agreement as to what kind of an award should be given to the Trench Fever Volunteers. They did not feel that the award should be equal to that of the Yellow Fever Volunteers, as yellow fever meant death. For this reason the bill was not reported by the Committee.

I have it all ready to be reintroduced next January, and am hopeful that an agreement can be reached. I shall do everything possible towards its enactment.

With all personal good wishes,

Sincerely,

—WILLIAM P. CONNERY, JR.

House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.,
July 28.

THE WOODS ARE FULL OF 'EM

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

Being a newspaperman of some twenty-five years' standing, I never write letters to the newspapers, but I feel that I must indite a short note to you to tell you and my other comrades of the Yankee Division how pleasantly surprised I was to find some 26th Division veterans in a part of the world in which I thought none existed.

During a hurried trip to Miami one week-end recently, I encountered FRANCIS P. (FRANK) MALONE (102nd Machine Gun Battalion) and WILLIAM A. (BILL) BERLIN (Company F, 102nd Infantry).

Malone is now one of the editors of the Miami Daily News, and you couldn't get him back North with a fleet of trucks; Berlin is the District Traffic Manager in Miami for the Eastern Air Lines, whose transportation I availed myself of for my quick trip. Berlin hails from Wethersfield, Connecticut, but has been South so long that he talks just like a Cracker. He was with the next company to mine throughout our service on the Mexican Border, in Arizona, and throughout the war.

Malone worked with me years ago as a newspaperman in Waterbury, Connecticut, so you can see that we were perfectly justified in adjoining to the Arena Bar on Biscayne Boulevard and fighting the war all over again for a couple of hours.

They are going to try to contact other YD men in Florida and see if we can't form a Florida Chapter of the Association.

New York City, August 19. —JIM HURLEY.

ADDITIONAL YD MEMBERS OF LEGION OF VALOR

As all readers of DOINGS know, the Army and Navy Legion of Valor is an organization composed of men who have been awarded one or the other of Uncle Sam's two highest awards of merit, either the Congressional Medal of Honor or the Distinguished Service Cross. It is holding its Annual Reunion in Cincinnati on August 30, 31, and September 1 and 2.

As most readers of DOINGS also know, the National Commander is a YD man, RALPH ROBART, who served with the 104th Infantry.

General Orders No. 8 and 9 list the following YD men who have been accepted into membership:

ERNEST THOMAS SIEBERT (103rd Amb. Co.) D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism near Trugny, France, July 23, 1918.

WILLIAM JOSEPH CRAVEN (101st Amb. Co.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action at Wadonville, France, September 25-26, 1918.

MAURICE SHOMAN (D. Co., 101st Inf.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Verdun, France, October 27, 1918.

HARRY LIEBESKIND (Med. Det., 102nd Inf), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois de Claures, north of Verdun, France, November 8, 1918.

HAROLD ELMER ROUNDS (L Co., 101st Inf.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Vaux, France, July 20, 1918.

WARREN BAKER MORSE (E Co., 104th Inf.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action at Epieds, France, on July 22-23, 1918.

DWIGHT TOWNSEND COLLEY (104th Inf.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Bois d'Haumont, France, October 16, 1918.

HENRY ALLISON CHENEY (B Co., 103rd M. G. Bn.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Chateau Thierry, France, July 18-24, 1918.

LAWRENCE G. MILLER (103rd M. G. Bn.), awarded the D. S.C. for extraordinary heroism in action at Belleau, France, July 18, 1918.

JAMES G. WALSH (D Co., 101st Engrs.), awarded the D. S.C. for extraordinary heroism in action in the Belleau Woods, France, July 16-18, 1918.

WALTER J. BOARDMAN (B Co., 103rd Inf.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action at Belleau Woods, France, July 18, 1918.

CHARLES E. BRUNDRETT (D Co., 102nd Inf.), awarded the D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Seicheprey, France, April 20, 1918.

OFFICERS ELECTED, YD POST No. 290, AMERICAN LEGION

Commander, JOSEPH C. SIMMONS; Senior Vice-Commander, JOHN F. COLLINS; Junior Vice-Commander, FRED L. JACKSON; Adjutant, JOHN H. SMITH; Finance Officer, RENY GODUTI; Sergeant-at-Arms, JOHN W. LOVE; Chaplain, MALCOLM MORRISON; Historian, HENRY R. CHAPIN.

Executive Committee, AUSTIN F. APPLEBY, JAMES J. BEST, JAMES E. HARTNETT, DANIEL J. KENNEY, JAMES H. LYNCH, FRED T. O'NEILL, JOHN E. WHELAN.

Delegates to Suffolk County Council, JAMES E. HARTNETT, JOHN W. LOVE, JOHN E. WHELAN.

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JERRY MALONEY, formerly of B Co., 101st Infantry, died July 22, 1936. Military funeral was held from his late home, 85 Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Mass., Saturday, July 25. Solemn Requiem Mass at St. William's Church, Dorchester. Many members from B Company attended the funeral.

FRED J. MAGUIRE, formerly of D Co., 101st Engineers, died at the Chelsea Naval Hospital, Tuesday, July 21. Solemn High Mass at St. Catherine's Church, Summer Street, Somerville, was attended by many friends. Fred leaves a widow and two little girls, Dorothy and Joyce.

EDWIN T. RAMSDELL, formerly of the 101st Supply Train, died on July 26. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, the 29th.

ALLAN H. PLYMPTON, formerly of A Battery, 101st Field Artillery, died, date not mentioned. He was for many years a resident of Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., and an active and interested member of the Y. D. V. A.

JOSEPH WORSLEY, age 83, died August 2, 1936, at his home in Methuen, Mass. Father of Comrade FREDERICK WORSLEY, a member of the Worcester Chapter, who served with the 101st Infantry.

ROBERT W. TUNSTALL, formerly of A Co., 104th Infantry, died August 4 at his home, 3 Deerfield Street, Worcester, Mass. He had just returned from Arizona, where he was under treatment for service connected disabilities. Funeral held from his home at 2 P. M. Thursday, August 6. Burial was in Holden, Mass. Many members of the 104th Infantry and YD Club of Worcester and Y. D. V. A. attended the funeral. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Clara Wright (Smith), sister of Rev. Willard Smith of Holden (now Jaffrey, N. H.); his mother, one son, Robert W.; one daugher, Shirley L.; four brothers, Timothy A. of Gardner, John F. of Berkeley, Cal., Joseph A. and James P. of Worcester, and two sisters, Elizabeth A., wife of Charles Jackman, and Mrs. Hannah Greene, both of Worcester.

THOMAS AHEARN, a former corporal of G Co., 101st Infantry, died July 15 in New York. He is survived by a brother, William Ahearn of Haverhill, Mass., and Mrs. Agnes O'Donoghue of Worcester, his sister.

CHARLES W. BOWEN, formerly 1st Lieutenant of Supply Company, 103rd Field Artillery, was killed in an automobile accident in Leesburg, Virginia. Funeral services were held at his home in York, Pa., and the body brought to Rhode Island for burial in Greenville, the former home of his wife. He was treasurer of the American Caramel Co., York, Pa. He is survived by his wife; four children, Charles, Jr., Nancy, Allen, and Richmond Bowen, besides his brothers and sister.

SCOTT J. PALMER, formerly of D Co., 103rd Infantry, died at Oxford, Maine, of pneumonia, July 10, 1936.

WILLIAM M. DAVIS, former 1st Sergeant of the 102nd Field Hospital, died at the U. S. Hospital, Newington, Conn., on August 19. Sergt. DAVIS enlisted in the 1st Conn. Field Hospital, C. N. G., in 1915 and served on the Mexican Border in 1916. He was connected with his father in business with the Hedason Mfg. Co., of New Haven. He is survived by his parents and widow, Mrs. Anna Krahn Davis.

Colonel HENRY H. WHEELOCK, who served as a Major in Headquarters, 26th Division, died in his sleep at his home, 28 Cherry Street, Fitchburg, Mass., at 6:30 o'clock on the morning of August 17. All his life he had been a well-known figure in the military circles of Massachusetts. He had been ill for some time. Up to the time of his death he had served thirteen years as Chairman of the Worcester County Commissioners, and had also been for several years assistant chief of the Fitchburg Fire Department. He was born in the house in which he died. He joined Co. D of the 6th Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard, in 1909, and in 1910 became second lieutenant and quartermaster. He was made captain and quartermaster in 1912 and captain of the supply company of the regiment in 1916. He entered the World War on Aug. 5, 1917, and served overseas. He became a major on Oct. 16, 1918, and was commander of the 101st Supply Train in France. Colonel WHEELOCK was cited by General Pershing for exceptionally meritorious conduct and conspicuous service. He became colonel of the Supply Train in 1918 and was retired in June, 1920. He returned to this country on May 3, 1919. He had served as director of the Fidelity Co-operative Bank since March, 1921.

Flags on city and county buildings were placed at half-mast. The fire stations were all draped as soon as word of the death of the commissioner was received. A beautiful floral wreath was ten-

dered by Fitchburg Chapter, Y. D. V. A., in the formation of which Col. WHEELOCK was intensely interested, and a large delegation from the Chapter attended the services. Col. WHEELOCK had been a member of the Y. D. V. A. continuously since it was formed in 1920.

Dr. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, formerly Captain in the 102nd Ambulance Co., died at Soldiers Home, Chelsea, Mass., on July 29. Dr. MCCARTHY was born in Malden, Mass., fifty-two years ago, was prominent in baseball and football at Malden High School and Tufts College. He practiced medicine in Malden and was at one time City Physician. For the past twelve years he has been secretary of the Malden Park Commission, and for the past fourteen years on the staff of the U. S. Veterans Administration in Boston as specialist on eyes, ears, nose and throat ailments. He is survived by his widow and one sister. High Mass of Requiem was celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Malden on July 31. Military arrangements were under the auspices of Malden Post, A. L.

JOHN A. HARVEY, formerly of A Co., 101st Engineers, died on August 16, after an illness of several months, at the home of his sister in Winthrop, Mass. He was born in Waltham and was for many years in the employ of the Boston Globe, first as office boy, later as assistant sports editor.

ERNEST P. MCCARTHY, formerly of L Co., 101st Infantry, better known to members of the YD Club of Boston, where he has been a well-known figure for many years, as "the Major", died in Weymouth, Mass., on August 4. Severely wounded in action, "the Major" has not known good health since the war, but his unfailing good nature and fund of dry stories, his inseparable cane, have endeared him to those of us who daily use the Clubhouse. Funeral services were held from the home of his brother, in Concord, Mass., on Friday morning, August 7, attended by a number of his friends from the Club. Interment was in Westboro. The Club will have a constant reminder of "the Major" in that he left his stout cane to the Club, where it now reposes.

EDWIN T. RAMSDELL, formerly of the 101st Supply Train, was instantly killed in the ill-fated plane crash on July 26, when, as a photographer for the Boston Post, he flew to take shots of the Queen Mary entering New York harbor. Funeral services were held on July 29.

WILLIAM D. PARMENTER, formerly of C Co., 104th Infantry, died on August 22 while on a fishing trip in Topsfield, Maine. He was general manager of the New England Plating Co. of Worcester, in which city he made his home. He was a member of the YD Club of Worcester, leaves a widow, three sisters and one brother. Funeral services were held at the Longstreet Memorial Chapel, Worcester, on Tuesday, Aug. 25.

HARRY H. GRAVES, formerly of E Co., 104th Infantry, died by his own hand (gunshot) on July 20, following a long period of poor health and mental depression. Funeral services, under the auspices of Roy L. Boyce Post, V.F.W., were held on Thursday afternoon, July 23, attended also by delegations from the American Legion and D. A. V. Mr. Graves had for several years taken a prominent part in town affairs, and was a well-known and highly-respected citizen. He leaves a widow, father and one brother. In the eulogy delivered at the funeral services, the Reverend John W. Barker paid high tribute to his fearlessness and courage.

GEORGE F. DUNN, formerly of Machine Gun Co., 101st Infantry, died in Brookline, Mass., on September 6. Solemn high mass of requiem was held in the Church of St. Mary's of the Assumption on Tuesday morning, September 8.

GEORGE J. CHAMPAGNE, formerly of I Co., 101st Infantry, was killed in an automobile accident in Swansea, Mass., on August 28. Many members of I Co. attended the funeral services at St. Mary's Church in Foxboro, his home town, on Monday, August 31. He was wounded and gassed at Seicheprey, and had been a member of the Y. D. V. A. since 1932. He is survived by a widow, one son, three brothers and five sisters.

DOINGS has received word of the death, early in August, of ALBERT L. MARCOUS, formerly of the 101st Trench Mortar Battery, as the result of injuries sustained in an accident.

WHAT THE YD CONVENTION DID FOR ONE MAN

Editor of YANKEE DOINGS:

An incident of the Worcester Convention which might be of interest and which happened to get into the Worcester papers, but not exactly right: I met an old comrade from my company whom I had not seen since the 21st of April, 1918, when I helped him to a first aid station. I am probably the only living person who knows about his getting gassed. His first Convention and his first tie-up with Y.D. V. A.! I am betting he sticks??? I told him he could have found me before if he had been on the inside. Right?

Bradford, Mass., August 18. —CLYDE H. NORTON.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Things in Maine seem to be on the up-and-up. Whether it's the prospect of next June's Convention in Portland, or the good, hustling work of V. P. ELTON WALKER, the fact remains that YD affairs are waking up in the Pine Tree State, and this year should see a functioning state department organized, with at least a half-dozen new Chapters.

Portland Chapter has been sending in a steady flow of new members, no great number but a few every week; Androscoggin Valley Chapter in Lewiston has also increased its membership and is holding meetings; a new Chapter is in the process of formation in Bangor, due to the good work of WALKER, with the necessary ten names already in for a Charter and a meeting for the election of officers planned for the near future.

PORTLAND

In the little Community Church at Limestone, Maine, is a World War memorial window. The design shows two crossed flags, their colors reproducing in glass the Stars and Stripes. Between them are the letters Y-D, in gold, entwined upon a red shield. Placed at the right of the pulpit, the window is simple, but extremely effective. Who knows the history of this window?

Unless we are mistaken, ALBERT C. TRAUTMAN (D Co., 102nd Inf.) and Mrs. Trautman of New Milford, Conn., are the first to register for the 1937 Convention.

Did you read the story, "Roll Call from On High", in the July 11th *Liberty*, by T. HOWARD KELLY? It is well worth reading.

A certain man (YD), who lost his job, was told that he did not need one now that he had got his Bonus. Another found a new man in his place when he got back from the Convention. Why?

Gracie Allen says, "If all the veterans who got the bonus bonds had been laid end to end, it would have been much easier for their wives to find them and drag them home". I say, "What does that dumb cluck know about it?"

PERCY WITHAM says that both he and General Pershing had one thing in common; they both got as high as they could.

A bit of help to Chapters which have trouble in keeping up attendance. Hold your meetings every week. The Portland Chapter will average 25 per meeting right along since we started holding meetings every week. It's a good idea folks. Try it.

DONALD G. WIGHT, one-time member of the 101st Engrs., has opened an office in Westbrook, Maine, and will proceed to yank teeth with gusto. He will use gas on us.

VICTOR ERICKSON is in the Maine General Hospital at this writing, with a bad case of appendicitis. Send him a card, you blokes from his outfit.

WARREN KING presented the Club with several pictures of General Edwards at a recent meeting.

BILL SPEAR is doing noble work looking after the clubroom. In his spare time he is fighting with HALL.

If we all heed the Editor's remarks about getting better correspondents for the different chapters, we will have a much better DOINGS. As for this bird, he don't know the difference between a adverb and a proverb.

This has been a busy month for the Portland Chapter. August 2 was organization day at Camp Keys, Augusta, the 103rd Inf. being in camp. We had the usual cloudburst, but the largest crowd of YDers was there to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. We extend thanks to Col. BISBEE for his courtesy. He has a wonderful outfit. It could not help being.

August 8, we had our Annual Picnic, under the direction of MELANSON and SPEAR. HALL was afraid he would fall down over the bank again, so his C. O. took him elsewhere. Over a hundred were there.

We were in Houlton the 10th and called on Col. HUME. He sends regards to all. He said he had a bet on with Col. SOUTHARD as to who could catch the most fish and was going up on the Gaspe and find out.

The 15th, we had our first Rose Day. Even though we had an over-sized rain, the workers sold enough to pay all bills and had a sizeable sum left over for the relief fund. We want to thank the women for the wonderful work they gave us. What would we do without them. To BILL SPEAR goes the credit for this good job of work.

Our sick report is larger than we wanted it to be this month. VICTOR ERICKSON started it with a sudden attack of appendicitis. (He is suspected

of faking.) It was said that he was up to the hospital one day and was pleased with the feminine contingent. He had plenty of visitors after SPEAR came back and made his report. The next one to go was TYLER, better know as "Top". We wonder if he thought he was in Laredo, Tex., and had too much beer and watermelon? He is on the mend and by the time you read this he will be home, but it will be some time before he will resume his work.

ALTON DODGE and FRANK O. MCGUIRE are up to Togus — they are expected home soon.

Some bird wants to know what the comrades did with the Bonus. Why not ask the women— they are ones that got the most of it? I heard one say that she married the poor boob to get his insurance, but he came home so she thought she would wait till he got the Bonus. She did and she got that. I am reminded of the Chinaman that died and left a sum of money to his brother to buy a length of rope to suspend his Irish wife with.

Thanx for the remarks about "that damn cannon". We will have a bigger one next year. "TOP" TYLER, O. P. BENTON and DODGE were the brains behind that. Some brains!

We don't know as this is written as well as the best man can write it, but until we find a man who is not too lazy to do this job, you suffering readers will have to put up with,

—"MINNIE-LA-TOUR"

P. S.—Our remarks about the Future Gold Star Mothers still stand, by heck, with no modification in the punishment.

LEWISTON

The big woiks in a YD way in Lewiston during the past month was the annual reunion of the Trench Mortar Battery, which really comes under the head of "Old Outfits", rather than Chapter news; and there it will be found.

BANGOR

The following eleven men have asked to be recognized as the Bangor Chapter, Y. D. V. A., and their request granted by the National Executive Committee, on August 9:

THOMAS S. TRENHOLM, CHARLES V. LANE, WILLIAM G. KENNEY, CHARLES I. DUTCH, Col. WILLIAM E. SOUTHARD, EDWARD BURNS, WALTER L. SARGENT, OTTO O. WEIR, EBEN E. STICKNEY, Col. SHERMAN N. SHUMWAY, and WILLIAM SMITH.

No date has been set for Charter presentation, and, so far as YANKEE DOINGS can learn, no officers have as yet been elected.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Keene Chapter continues to be the most active of the four organized groups in New Hampshire. Manchester and Nashua are also perking along. Little is heard from Concord. Rumor has it that V. P. EARLE WILLIAMS is forming a State Department and plans to hold monthly state meetings, but no confirmation has been received from the V. P. himself. Nothing further from the embryo Chapter which ERNIE PARENT tried to organize in Berlin. How about it, Berlin? Was it just a flash in the pan, or are you going through like YD guys?

MANCHESTER

A correspondent signing himself "RED BIRON" (who, incidentally, does not appear on the membership role of the Y. D. V. A.) is responsible for the only news despatch to come to hand from Manchester since the last issue of DOINGS.

It has mostly to do with the activities of the Manchester contingent at the Worcester Convention, where the Manchester Club held a banquet at which the principal speaker was BILL SAYERS, who, as outgoing V. P. for New Hampshire, turned the gavel over to his successor in that office, EARLE WILLIAMS of Nashua.

No news of any Manchester meetings since the Convention has been received.

KEENE

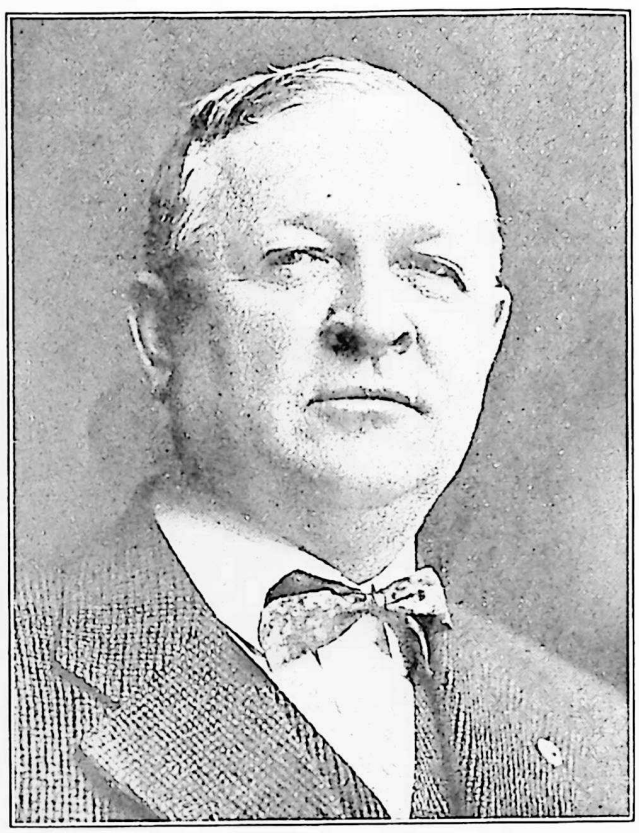
A regular meeting of Keene Chapter was held on July 23. Guest of honor, EARLE WILLIAMS, National V. P. for New Hampshire. The meeting was unanimously in favor of organizing a Department of New Hampshire. The National V. P. has that impetus to start him on his course.

Meeting voted to conduct all meetings according to Ritual.

GLENROY SCOTT, local sportsman and contractor, exhibited motion pictures taken over a period of five years, of hunting and fishing in the Canadian Provinces. The pictures were exceedingly interesting and instructive and were very enthusiastically received by the comrades.

Past President CHARLES F. LEAHY has been appointed Sergeant-at-Arms for the State Convention, A. L., at Newport, N. H., in September.

This Chapter begs indulgence of a little space in DOINGS to tell the story of a grand old YD man.



"OLD POP WALKER"

Dr. CHARLES S. WALKER served with the division from the beginning to the date of discharge at Camp Devens.

He was Captain in the Medical Corp and Commanding Officer of the Supply Unit for the Division. He attended the first Officers Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, in Georgia.

He was promoted to the rank of Major in November, 1918.

Since the World War, "Old Pop" has been very active in all affairs concerning ex-service men.

He served as Post Commander of Gordon-Bissell Post, A. L., 1920-1921; State Commander, Department N. H., A. L., 1922-23; Chef De Gare of the local Voiture; Grand Chef De Gare, 40 & 8, State of New Hampshire.

"Old Pop" is a firm believer in the YD, and a consistent worker for the promotion of YD activities. He works himself first and hardest, and then keeps the rest of us on our toes; from the dues mailed your office, you can realize that he has been quite successful in securing members for Keene Chapter. At the present time the Doctor is chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the Chapter.

At the next meeting he has arranged to have a "Hill-Billy" entertainment.

The Doctor told me this morning—we have to secure more than fifty members, so now some more "digging".

During the twelve years I have been in Keene, the Doctor has been a very active citizen in all respects and has worked unstintedly and contributed liberally both of time and finance to advance the cause of good citizenship.

—LEROY E. CODDING.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Whether it's the natural conservatism of Vermonters or something else, who can say, but it seems to be a tough assignment to get new Chapters under way in that state. One thing can be said without fear of contradiction: the new V.P., ARTHUR FOOTE, is trying his darndest. Give him a little cooperation, and let's have more than one lone chapter in the Green Mountain State.

Nothing further has developed in the attempt to get Winooski and Montpelier organized, as mentioned in last month's issue. A letter from SIDNEY NEWCOMBE of Barre bears some promise that a Chapter there may come into being. Meanwhile, Rutland Chapter is carrying on and gathering in what stray sheep it can find.

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RUTLAND

YD in Vermont has had his summer vacation. The YD Club of Rutland has its first fall meeting at Elfin Lake, at Wallingford, on Thursday evening, September 17.

"SMOKE" EDDY, RAY SEAVER, LEVI MUNSON, PAUL REGINBALD and VIV COBURN are the originators and perpetrators. They always do things up brown, so we're all looking forward to attending.

Just received news that E. J. DOREY, from Winooski, Vt., is at Newington Hospital for treatment. Page ERNEST PARENT, please!

We're glad to have taken in the Springfield meeting of Massachusetts State Department. Aside from enjoying their sincere hospitality, we naturally noticed the impending wave of memberships.

Vermonters, we cannot stop it! We've just got to organize and hop onto this wave of paid-up memberships and make the fun a lot funnier. When you're all bent up and raising whiskers, what in hell can you do about it then? Organize your local clubs while you're able to. Help the poor devil who needs hospitalization and can't get it. Do it before it's too late. Let's stop marking time.

Get hot. Get sweaty. Gather in ALL your local YD men and get serious. There isn't a damn "can't" in it, but there is a great need for our organization, if only for the protection and help that you or I or some other unlucky devil may need tomorrow, next day or a year from now. Maybe you know of someone now who needs treatment, and is not getting it. If you do, get hold of your local YD service man (there's one in every chapter). He will contact ERNEST PARENT of Worcester, not tomorrow, but now. Then you just watch PARENT's dust. He's a regular old mammy when he's got a broken-down YD man under his wing. Let's pray that Ernest doesn't die before we do. It would be hard to fill his place.

Look ahead, you ex-machine gunners, and think — organize now.

It is being done — Watch Winooski!

—ARTHUR M. FOOTE.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

The biggest news of the month in this area is the two Department meetings held, one in Springfield on August 9, and one in Salem on September 13, both of which are reported below. These get-togethers are really commencing to catch on, and everyone is high in their praises of this system of spending a social afternoon with YD comrades from all over the state once a month.

Next biggest piece of news is the formation of a new Chapter in Marlboro, due almost wholly to the work of two men, National Service Officer ERNIE PARENT and HARRY SHERMAN, first President of Marlboro Chapter. This Chapter already has thirty members, with more coming in all the time. Ernie is now set to tackle Pittsfield, and is rapidly assuming the role of the Association's ace organizer, in addition to his splendid work as Service Officer.

From a glance at the map of the Bay State, it would seem that the remaining places where Chapters should be formed are about as follows: Beverly, Gloucester, Haverhill, Gardner, Athol, Pittsfield, Greenfield, North Adams, Hudson, Taunton, and Fall River. Then if Plymouth and Attleboro can be given a blood transfusion and made to amount to something, most of the key spots in the state will be inside the ring. Framingham has a big YD population, but Marlboro plans, for the time being, to take in that area.

Quite a few of the active Chapters in the Department are not represented by a column of news in this issue. DOINGS cannot print what it hasn't heard about. Have your Chapter send in its news while it is hot.

DEPARTMENT MEETING, SPRINGFIELD, AUGUST 9

The most enthusiastic and successful meeting of the Department to date was held in the Mahogany Room of City Hall in Springfield, on Sunday afternoon, August 9, with over 100 members present. All the credit in the world must be given to the fellows who put in every night for two weeks in advance planning every last detail, notably ED MALEY, TOM CROKAN, JIM ARMESON, and BEN JOHNSON. They planned a big league get-together, and they had one. The official proceedings of the meeting are printed below, but before we get to that, let's mention that men attending came from five different states, Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut and New York, showing how the spirit of being one big family has grown. Let's also mention the truly delicious feed of hot chicken pie, hot rolls and all the fixin's served in the basement after the meeting. The meeting elected Department officers, appointed a committee to draw up a Constitution, and transacted a lot of other business, as will be read below. RAY DOUCETTE, conducting his first meeting as Department President, won the respect of all for his fairness and unfailing good humor.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

August 9, 1936.

A regular meeting of the Department of Massachusetts, Yankee Division Veterans Association, was held in the Mahogany Room of the City Hall in Springfield, Massachusetts, on Sunday, August 9, 1936.

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P. M. by the Department President, A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE, with approximately sixty members present (this attendance increased to approximately 100 later in the meeting).

The President opened the meeting by calling upon everyone to rise in salute to the colors, remain standing during the invocation, which was delivered by Chaplain GEORGE RIICKERL, Chaplain of the Department of Connecticut. All remained standing for thirty seconds in tribute to the dead of the division.

The President called upon the Secretary to

call the roll of Chapters, with the following results: Boston, four members; Fitchburg, by its President and Secretary; Holyoke, by eight members; Lawrence, by two, its Secretary and one other member; Lynn, by its President, Secretary, and seven other members; Northampton, by four members; Salem, by its President and three other members; Springfield, by its officers and members totaling thirty-one; Webster-Dudley, by two members; Worcester, by its Secretary and seven other members. The following Massachusetts Chapters were not represented: Attleboro, Brockton, New Bedford, Lowell, Clinton, Milford, and Plymouth.

Also in attendance at the meeting were: The National President, ALBERT W. HERMAN; National Past President LEONARD J. MALONEY; Vice-President for Maine, ELTON P. WALKER, and one other member of Portland, Maine, Chapter; Vice-President for Vermont, ARTHUR F. FOOTE, and three other members of Rutland, Vermont, Chapter; seven members of the Department of Connecticut, in addition to the National President; Vice-President BENJAMIN PITMAN of New York City Chapter.

The President called upon each of the out-of-state delegations to stand and they were given enthusiastic applause. PHILIP N. SANBORN presented regrets of the National Treasurer, L. H. REDFIELD, who was absent to attend the funeral of a friend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Secretary asked for information regarding the Committee authorized by the preceding meeting for the purpose of reporting on uniforms, and was informed that no such Committee had been appointed.

On motion of THOMAS CROKAN (SPFLD.), seconded by ERNEST PARENT (WOR.), it was

VOTED: that the chair appoint a Committee of five, plus one member from Connecticut, to retire and report back to this meeting before adjournment on the question of a Department uniform. The Chair appointed the following: JOSEPH GAUTHIER (WOR.), DANIEL MORAN (FITCH.), Mr. LYONS (SPFLD.), NAPOLEON LEBLANC (SAL.), RALPH MERRITT (LYNN), and HENRY WOODS (NOR.). This Committee retired from the room to deliberate.

NEW BUSINESS.

On motion of Acting Secretary PHILIP N. SANBORN (BOS.), seconded by THOMAS CROKAN (SPFLD.), it was

VOTED: that the Chair appoint a Committee to draw up by-laws for the Department of Massachusetts and report at the next meeting of this Department. The Chair stated that it would name the appointees later in the meeting.

The Acting Secretary suggested that the Chair appoint temporary Department Officers until the method of electing the same should be decided by the Constitution. DANIEL A. JONES (WOR.) stated he believed there was no need of waiting, and that permanent officers could be elected at this meeting. On motion of Mr. JONES (WOR.), duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that the meeting proceed with the election of Officers.

On motion of Mr. SULLIVAN (LYNN), duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that the offices to be filled should be as follows: Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Chaplain, and Sergt.-at-Arms.

The Chair announced that the meeting was open for nominations.

For Vice-President, the name of BENJAMIN E. JOHNSON of Springfield was placed in nomination and it was regularly moved, seconded and

VOTED: that nominations be closed.

For Secretary, Mr. JONES (WOR.) placed in nomination the name of EDWIN J. NOYES (WOR), and it was regularly moved, seconded and

VOTED: that nominations be closed.

For Treasurer, Mr. ERNEST C. PARENT (WOR) placed in nomination the name of THOMAS F. CROKAN (SPFLD.) and, on Motion of Mr. ARTHUR SHEA (FITCH.), duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that nominations be closed.

For Historian, the name of CHARLES BRENNAN was placed in nomination, but Mr. BRENNAN declined. The name of RALPH MERRITT (LYNN) was placed in nomination by EMILE THIBAULT (SAL.) and on motion of Mr. PARENT (WOR.) duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that nominations be closed.

For Chaplain, the name of HAROLD WOODRUFF (HOL.) was placed in nomination and duly seconded; the name of Reverend GEORGE S. L. CONNOR (SPFLD.) was placed in nomination and duly seconded, but subsequently withdrawn upon the belief that Father CONNOR could not accept; the name of ERNEST C. PARENT (WOR.) was placed in nomination by ARTHUR SHEA (FITCH.) and duly seconded, and it was regularly moved, seconded and

VOTED: that nominations be closed.

For Sergeant-at-Arms, the following three names were placed in nomination and duly seconded: MICHAEL CONNOR (NPTN.), ARTHUR SHEA (FITCH.), and WALTER SMITH (LYNN). It was regularly moved, seconded and

VOTED: that nominations be closed.

The Chair announced that uncontested offices were declared elected, and that the only contested offices were for Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and

VOTED: that the election for these two offices should be held by standing vote.

For the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, the count was as follows: WALTER SMITH (LYNN), six; ARTHUR P. SHEA (FITCH.), 20; MICHAEL CONNOR (NPTN.), 32. Mr. CONNOR was declared elected.

The Chair announced complete result of the election as follows: Vice-President BENJAMIN E. JOHNSON (SPFLD), Secretary EDWIN J. NOYES (WOR.), Treasurer THOMAS F. CROKAN (SPFLD.), Historian RALPH D. MERRITT (LYNN), Chaplain ERNEST C. PARENT (WOR), Sergeant-at-Arms MICHAEL D. CONNOR (NPTN.).

The Chair introduced the National President, ALBERT W. HERMAN, who gave a brief and enthusiastic talk on the present successful growth of the Organization and pledged that he would visit every Chapter in the Department of Massachusetts during his term of office, as well as any new Chapter formed, and attend as many Department meetings as possible. His address was loudly applauded. At this point the Chair recognized ELTON P. WALKER from Maine, who presented the National President with the necessary new ten members for a Chapter in Bangor, Maine. Mr. WALKER also told of his work in Maine and promised a number of new Chapters within the next few months. His speech was greeted with much applause.

The Chair declared a 15-minute recess and asked the newly-elected State Officers to assemble outside the building for the taking of a photo.

President DOUCETTE called the meeting to order again at the expiration of the recess and introduced Past National President LEONARD J. MALONEY, who called upon everyone to perform worthwhile civic duties in their respective communities and do it in the name of the Yankee Division. Major MALONEY's address was vigorously applauded.

NAPOLEON LEBLANC (SAL.), reporting for the Uniform Committee, stated that the Committee felt much more time was necessary to make any recommendations and requested that such time be granted. This report was accepted as one of progress.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to the National President for the purpose of initiating ten new members of Springfield Chapter in accordance with the ritual. This was carried out by the following Suite: National President ALBERT W. HERMAN, acting as President; DANIEL A. JONES (WOR.) as Chaplain; BENJAMIN PITMAN (STAM.) as Senior Vice-President; EDWIN J. NOYES (WOR.), Junior Vice-President.

Mr. THOMAS JOLLEY, Secretary of Lawrence Chapter, asked through the Chair that the National Officers and Department Officers arrange a date to install the Officers of Lawrence Chapter and was assured by both the Department and the National President that they would be only too glad to come to Lawrence for that purpose.

The Chair announced the following Committee to draw up Department By-Laws: PHILIP N. SANBORN (BOS.), CLYDE O. ELLIOTT (WOR.), WALTER SMITH (LYNN), DENNIS P. BRUNTON (SPFLD.), EMILE THIBAULT (SAL.), THOMAS JOLLEY (LAW.).

Secretary EDWIN J. NOYES (WOR.) announced that Worcester Chapter had voted at its last meeting to present a membership trophy to the Chapter in existence at the time of the Worcester Convention showing the greatest increase in membership at the opening of the Portland Convention in June, 1937. This offer met with the applause of the meeting.

An invitation to hold the next meeting of this Department in Salem, Massachusetts, was offered by President THIBAULT of Salem Chapter. No further invitations were offered and it was moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that the next meeting of this Department be held on Sunday, September 13, 1936, in the Club Rooms of the YD Club of Salem, at 2 P. M.

National Service Officer ERNEST PARENT urged every Chapter to appoint a Chapter Service Officer and to send him their names and addresses in order than he might work with them.

BENJAMIN PITMAN (STAM.), Vice-President of New York Chapter, told of the fine meetings being held in New York, expressed his pleasure at attending this meeting and urged all Chapters to adopt an active program for the coming season. He further suggested that each Chapter, not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the Nation, be requested to list the name of the Chapter in the local telephone directory, with the telephone number of either the President or Secretary of the Chapter, in order that any visiting YD man could more easily make contact with the YD groups in the town.

President DOUCETTE made a brief address, apologizing for his lack of experience in conduct-

ing a Department meeting and urging every Chapter, as the most important thing it could do, to hold regular meetings on schedule.

The Chair called upon ARTHUR FOOTE, National Vice-President for Vermont, who told of the contacts he has been making in towns in that State for the purpose of organizing new Chapters.

Department Treasurer THOMAS CROKAN urged every Chapter to become financially self-sustaining by running entertainments which would realize a little profit.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: that some one "pass the hat" to help cover the expense of the refreshments to be served at the conclusion of the meeting by Springfield Chapter and this was carried out.

On motion of Mr. JONES (WOR.), duly seconded, it was

VOTED: that a copy of the minutes of this meeting be sent to every Massachusetts Chapter not represented at this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was regularly moved, seconded, and

VOTED: to adjourn. Adjournment was taken at 4:45 P. M.

—PHILIP N. SANBORN,
Acting Secretary.

DEPARTMENT MEETING, SALEM, SEPTEMBER 13

The regular September meeting of Department of Massachusetts was held in the quarters of the YD Club of Salem, at the Howard Street School, on Sunday afternoon, September 13; Salem being one of the few Chapters fortunate enough to have clubrooms of its own.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Regular Meetings held the First Sunday of Each Month.

Next Meeting: Milford, Mass., Sunday, October 4, 1936, at Veterans of Foreign Wars' home.

Salem entertained Royally. Chowder, Clams, BEER and other foodstuffs, prepared by the Salem YD Auxiliary (cheers for the Ladies), dissolved like sugar in a rain storm when the gang sat down to Mess, after the meeting. There were slightly less than 100 present, representing the varied Chapters of Massachusetts, despite the fact there was competition from other outfits within the Division meeting on the same date. It is hoped that by careful planning by the leaders of unit organizations there will be no confliction in the future. Late arrivals, and thus a late opening to the meeting, caused inconveniences to those who had made the trip from great distances. Promptness will be appreciated at future meetings.

Several important issues were taken up at the meeting, particularly the adoption of a Constitution and By-Laws for the Massachusetts Department, Y.D.V.A. (see elsewhere in this issue). Legislation was authorized the Department to assess five (5) cents per member on Chapters for maintaining the administration of Departmental affairs. Chapter Presidents please note.

The Uniform Committee reported as progressive and asked that they be granted more time to have sample designs and materials for the Milford meeting in October. Chapter Officers should be prepared to express the wishes of their Chapters in this respect at the next meeting.

The Milford YD Club (one of the younger clubs), through the President, ERNEST O'BRIEN, extended an invitation to the Department to hold the October meeting in Milford. A lively meeting, together with a chance to taste the "viands" of Milford, as will be prepared by their Auxiliary, should warrant the traveling of miles by attending members.

Chapter Officers are urged to have as many members present for these meetings as they may be able. Problems affecting the Chapters, as well as the Department, thus have an opportunity for open discussion and bring profitable lessons to others.

NOTE! FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH . . . MEETING DATE, MASS. DEPT. Y. D. V. A.

BOSTON

The usual summer quietude has enveloped the YD Club of Boston during August, only the faithful few being on hand to listen to the ball games or play a quiet game of cards. Even pool has been too strenuous for the hot days, and seldom has the sound of cue against ivory sounded. However, membership has continued on the upgrade, being now far ahead of a year ago and just about tie with the highest point reached since 1931. BEN JAMES, as Chairman of the Membership Committee, has been just about the whole committee and worked hard, as he always does. Treasurer JOE GALLIGAN still reports a high degree of solvency and that bills are being paid every Friday.

The monthly smokers have been carried on throughout the summer, the guest speaker on August 27 being Mr. Percy E. Thompson, radio service agent on the general commercial staff of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.,

whose illustrated lecture, "The Magic of Communication", with exhibits displaying the latest developments in teletype and sound apparatus, so absorbed the interest of the audience that he was drafted to appear again by acclamation. One of the very finest smokers on record.

The September smoker is being held on the 17th, one week early, on account of the National Legion Convention in Cleveland. Unfortunately, this date falls between the closing of this number and publication date. The guest speaker is Mr. Maurice R. Wheeler, Director of the Boston Consumers Cooperative Association; his topic, "The Cooperative Way Out".

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BROCKTON

The Club has recently purchased a piano or music box, or "what-is-it", which helps to pep up the gang at our socials. Sunday, August 23, an outing was held at Island Grove and we noted that our President, LeRoy Latham, still retains his girlish form in the latest (?) bathing suit.

Henry Eldridge won the pie-eating contest (no, he isn't a cake-eater), while Win Lloyd was the best horseshoe thrower? ? Remember, the club intends to hold their annual cabaret show at about Halloween time, nuf sed (there ain't no more to be said). Of course we expect to sell George Pauley and Bart Herlihy a couple of tickets—as in the past—as the party will probably be on their night on duty.

Reginald Bowman and Herbert Long joined at our last meeting the fast increasing great majority of YD members.

George Robertson sang a ballad which was well received.

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FITCHBURG

We held our regular monthly meeting on July 10 at Eagles' Hall; 34 attended and the main business seemed to lead toward the first Annual Outing of Fitchburg Chapter, which will take place August 30, in place of the August meeting.

From all appearances at this time, Fitchburg Chapter will attend the Salem State Meeting and the one following, in force, as they mean to bring the November Meeting to Fitchburg.

Comrade Al Woollacott, our local florist, certainly deserves a vote of thanks for the wonderful job he did on the floral offering the Chapter gave at Major Wheelock's funeral, a beautiful purple diamond with our YD insignia in yellow flowers.

More later.

—Arthur Shea.

LAWRENCE

Lawrence Chapter has shown enterprise in sending out to all its members a notice of the State Meeting in Salem on September 13. Ted Noyes, Department Secretary, notifies all Chapters in the state, but, of course, cannot send individual notices to every member. In this, it looks as if Lawrence had hit upon a swell idea, one which can well be copied by other Chapters with the result of boosting attendance at these state round-ups. When Chapter Presidents and Secretaries get their notice from Ted, shoot a post card into the mail to members, the same as for a Chapter meeting.

Lawrence Chapter holds its regular meeting at the Armory on Thursday, September 17, too late for an account to appear here.

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LYNN

On Tuesday night, July 21, Epieds Night was held by Lynn YD Chapter at the Club rooms. "Mussolini" acted as master of ceremonies and a very enjoyable evening was had by about 100 YD members. Ralph Merritt put on the movies of the Worcester Convention and some War pictures. It was rather a celebration of the Chateau Thierry drive, as eighteen years ago this night we were fighting right at Epieds, and what a fight that was.

On July 4, the Lynn YD Drill Team, under command of Captain Harold W. Crowell, won first prize at the Swampscott American Legion and V. F. W. parade in Swampscott. Can't keep a good team down.

On August 30, the Lynn gang held its second Annual Outing for all YD men and their families at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester. Gustave Johnson was general chairman, assisted by Holman Stanchfield, Michael Garofano, Walter Smith, Joseph Trimble, Eustis Grimes, Leon Varnam, Ralph Merritt, Richard Hennessey, Alphonse Adrien, Clayton Pevear, and others.

Mortimer Doane (102nd F. A.), one of our new members, welcomes all YD men to Doanes Inc., at the end of Blvd., in Swampscott. Make yourself known. He serves great food.

Jitters from Fort New Park, Worcester: Clayton as "Mahatmi" — The night prowlers Stanchfield, Smith, Carroll, Trimble, Laffy, Day, etc.; Curran — "I'm tough" — couldn't take it. Merritt and his musicians. The advance guard: Thomas, Crowell, Guppy, and Curry — what a crew! Wounded in action — Kimball and Farnham. The only two who got

any sleep—LUDDEN and VARNAM. Happy warriors—BAILEY, O'REGAN, STREETER, and KING. Book salesman—JOHN SULLIVAN, and the whole LYNN gang wish to congratulate the entire Worcester Committee for the wonderful job they accomplished for this 1936 Convention. A job well done, and no words could express the real esteem in which Lynn looks up to this great Committee. The City of Worcester did its part and did it well. Now we must continue to build up the Y. D. V. A., which is enjoying its best year. Attend the State Department Meetings and help uphold the wonderful work accomplished by our greatest National President — LEN MALONEY. Rally to the cause, you YD buddies. Let's get behind AL HERMAN, our new President, and put the Yankee Division at its greatest peace time strength since 1919. Don't be a slacker now—you were not one in 1917-19. Get going YANK!

JULIAN MARSDEN (B Co., 101st Supply Train) dropped into the Lynn Club. He is chauffering for a woman stopping at the New Ocean House, Swampscott. He had his wife with him. Did not expect to be in town long. He is living at 500 Tenth Avenue, South, St. Petersburg, Florida. Gave him the last issue of DOINGS and an application blank. He was enthused over the DOINGS and wants to get it, so I have no doubt the application will be filled out and turned in. He and JOHNNY RYAN (D Co., 101st Sup. Tr) reminisced.

On August 30, the Lynn YD Chapter held its Annual Outing at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, with over 200 YD men and their wives and children present. It was one grand time and everything went off without a hitch, that is — except the baseball game. The Infantry, captained by HOLMAN "BOB" STANCHFIELD, won over the Artillery, captained by MICHAEL GAROFANO, by the score of 17 to 15. No, it was not a football game, but here's the story. The Infantry had twelve men to nine of the Artillery and also had the help of the umpire, who was MICHAEL CARROLL, an honorary member whose brother John was an Infantry man; so it's only natural he would favor the gravel-diggers. One of the highlights of the game was JOHN H. DAY's playing for the Artillery. "HOD" was an Engineer, but here's one to beat Merkle's great stunt. Last of the ninth, two men out, two on base with Artillery at bat and two runs needed to tie up the score. "HOD" has two strikes on himself and, lo and behold, he decides on a bit of "Engineering" and bunts on his third strike — result? Ball goes foul and the game goes blooey. Can you beat that one?

Well anyhow, a good time was had by all, with RICHARD "DICK" HENNESSEY winning the 100-yard dash for YD championship, Mrs. Edward Saulnier winning the YD Ladies' 50-yard dash, and HAROLD GUPPY and his better half coming a close second in both. There were plenty of races and games for the children, and ice cream and tonic was served to all by the committee. GUSTAVE JOHNSON was general chairman, assisted by GEORGE CURLEY, JOHN SULLIVAN, EDWARD SAULNIER, WALTER SMITH, RALPH MERRITT, JOSEPH TRIMBLE, HOLMAN STANCHFIELD, ROBERT NEWMAN, ROY KNOX, HAROLD GUPPY, MICHAEL GAROFANO, HUGH O'REGAN, RICHARD HENNESSEY, BEN KIMBALL, LEON VARNAM, HERBERT WEEKS, JOHN DAY, CHESTER ADRIEN, ALPHONSE ADRIEN, HAROLD CROWELL, CLAUDE HOAG, EARL BAILEY, "MUSSOLINI" and many others too numerous to mention.

ERNEST PARENT of Worcester, National Service Officer for Y. D. V. A., paid the Chapter a visit at the September 1 meeting and sure did give the boys a fine talk on "Veterans' Compensation and Hospitalization. He was well received and went right to work and accomplished plenty before he left. Great worker is ERNIE, and it's too bad there are not more like him. Our genial friend EARL NORLIN, our Assistant Secretary at National Headquarters, came along with him and was also called on for a few remarks. Great personality, has this NORLIN chap.

RALPH MERRITT was elected Service Officer of the Lynn Chapter, to contact ERNIE PARENT on all deserving cases.

On September 29, the Chapter will hold Hannonville Night and it is hoped to have ROYAL K. HAYES as guest speaker.

—"MUSSOLINI".

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MARLBOROUGH

The old-timers like it spelled that way, with the "ugh" on the end, and that's the way it is on the Charter of the Y. D. V. A.'s newest Chapter. Not exactly the newest at that, for Winsted, Connecticut was voted its Charter at the same meeting of the Executive Committee. Oh yes, there's a Chapter in Marlborough—and HOW!

Through the intensive work of the Association's one lone member-at-large in Marlborough, HARRY E. SHERMAN (A Co., 101st M. P.'s), ably aided and abetted by ERNIE PARENT, there is now a hustling Chapter there, numbering at present writing thirty members, with a promise of reaching at least fifty by the end of September.

Harry started by inserting a notice in the

local paper, calling for all true-and-blue YD-ers to foregather. Out of this grew a second, larger meeting and on August 19 about 40 showed up. ERNIE PARENT told them the story of the Y. D. V. A., what it is, what it does, how Chapters are organized, how it makes the main objective mutual helpfulness. Belated arrivals were Nat. Sec. PHIL SANBORN and Nat. Treas. LEA REDFIELD, who also spoke on the recent growth in enthusiasm in the organization throughout the United States. HARRY SHERMAN presided as temporary Chairman.

It was voted to organize and apply for a charter. Twenty-five signed on the dotted line. The following officers were elected:

President, HARRY E. SHERMAN; Vice-President, MICHAEL CAVANAUGH; Secretary, ALPHONSE LESSARD; Treasurer, LOUIS LACROIX; Sergeant-at-Arms, JAMES H. WALL; Historian, DAVID ST. LAURENT; Trustees, LEONARD DOMINGUE, JOHN SHANAHAN and HENRY LANGEVIN; Chaplain, MILFORD HAMELIN.

The Charter is to be presented on October 7 by the National President and staff of National Officers.

The Chapter held the first meeting September 2. All the officers were present and about 25 other members also attended.

A Committee was appointed to arrange and take charge of the installation of officers, on October 7, 1936.

A motion was also made to invite the various military organizations' Commander and also the Mayor.

We have about forty paid-up members at the present time. I expect that, by October 7, we should have very close to 60.

The Chapter's motto: "Personal Contact!".

—ALPHONSE LESSARD.
Secretary.

NEW BEDFORD

You may be surprised to hear from us, but, after all, we are still alive in New Bedford. I know we have been A. W. O. L. for the summer —well, ever since the Convention at Worcester, last June. The gang—you know—are most all on their vacations, and it is pretty hard to get them together in the summer, but we will be starting the old YD spirit again some time next month, so you have nothing to worry about as to the Chapter ever dying here. If the outside-of-the-battery fellows do not know enough to stick together, there are enough of us in old Battery D, 102nd F. A., that will always stick. I have worked hard to keep the Battery together all these years, and have always wanted a Chapter here and, now that we have got it, you can rest assured that I am never going to let it die, while I have got any blood in my veins.

I have been on my vacation, up around the upper part of New York State, and have just got back with the family. While I was away, I read in our local papers that our Commander, JIM MCGUINN, had been sent to the Veterans Hospital at Newington. I was told, when I got back, that he was only up there for observation and will be back soon. As soon as I see Jim, we will hold a meeting and get the gang together. I certainly will never forget the night we had in New Bedford, at the armory, the night LEN MALONEY, you, and the Brockton fellows walked in on us, and also the way they presented me with a pair of kicks—say, that took me right off my feet. I would like to have another pair of them; they are the best shoes I have ever worn. If I could get in touch with this Brockton fellow, I would send him the money for the cost of another pair at once, if he could get me the same shoes.

I met one of our buddies who just came back from Canada tonight. His name is SAM PICARD; he was with the 101st Supply Train; he would also like to hear from some of his buddies.

The story of SAM PICARD, as told by the New Bedford newspaper, is an interesting one. With his brother ERNEST he had just completed a three weeks' hunting trip in the extreme northern part of Quebec, during which he was successful in bagging a female elk, and his brother getting a bear. The story recounts the hardships of intense heat and heavy rains, as well as the torment endured from flies, during the time the two brothers and their 16-year-old guide — half French, half Indian — lived in cabins supplied by the Canadian government for the use of any hunter who might pass that way, the door never being locked and emergency rations kept on hand at all times. Much space is given to the hardihood and resourcefulness of the young guide, who seemed never to tire and whose knowledge of wood lore was inexhaustible. On the way home, the brothers stopped off to see the world-famous Dionne quintuplets.

—BILL DRESNER.

NORTHAMPTON

A fine enthusiastic meeting was held in Northampton, at the State Armory, on Monday, August 17, attended by about 25 men. CHARLIE POWERS acted as Chairman pro tem, and much worthwhile organization work was accomplished. The meeting was addressed by Judge TOM HAM-

MOND of Northampton, two National Officers of the Y. D. V. A., Sec. PHIL SANBORN and Service Officer ERNIE PARENT, several Officers of Massachusetts Department, Treas. TOM CROKAN of Springfield and Sgt.-at-Arms MICHAEL D. CONNOR, a member of Northampton Chapter.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, CHARLES A. POWERS; Vice-President, LEON J. LAVALLEE; Secretary, EDWARD BOUTHILLETTE; Treasurer, ALBERT L. PACKARD; Chaplain, MAURICE J. MCKELLIGOTT; Sgt.-at-Arms, WILLIAM B. GREENAUGH; Historian, HOYT CLARK; Service Officer, HARVEY TAYLOR.

It was voted to hold regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month, and to have charter presentation and installation of officers at the October 21 meeting.

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SPRINGFIELD

We had a dugout at the A. L. Convention and had plenty of visitors; ELLIOTT and his gang from Worcester, SLATE from Holyoke, and YD comrades from Salem, Lynn, Northampton, Milford, Lowell, Boston, Lawrence, Brockton and New Bedford.

The State Convention of the YD, in Springfield, woke up a number of the old YD-ers to the fact that the old outfit is still living.

ANDY BIRNIE is operating a Sinclair filling station, and the Club, plus others, are trading there.

At the Dugout, the Auxiliary did a dandy job as hostesses during the Convention, and the Committee in charge are to be complimented on their work. It was wonderful to see the way all the Legion lads came into the dugout; as for the out-of-town YD Vets, HOW they came in! Hope all who attended the State Meeting had a good time.

Just because some of you paid your dues, that's not all; so come on gang. What do you say, EARL, TOPPING, BENERAKUS, EGAN, HOXIE, FISHER, LOWE, (MAURICE), shoulder that gun and show us that you are as good as seventeen years ago.

After a good rest, "ANDREW H. BROWN", President, has gone to work; beg pardon, I mean BIRNIE, Past President . . . Yes, he got himself a swell filling station at Pine and Walnut Streets, and well satisfied with the start, so let's all do business with him. He is operating a Sinclair Station.

Comrade ED MALEY spent seven nights in a row in his effort to put the State Department Meeting over, and his better half is beginning to think that she is a widow.

To the new members I say, "Pass DOINGS to a BUDDY and have him sign an application". We have made a good start. Let's keep going!

—T. F. C.

Springfield's not dead — she has just been asleep!

Twenty-two at tonight's meeting. Several joined up. The membership is going up all the time and is due to go much further.

ED MALEY (he got 15 out to a Committee meeting a week ago) and his Committee are sure doing a real job and of course Ed is a dynamic power and, with all the coming activity, is stirring others to pitch in and work too, which to one who prayed for Springfield to get going along, is great.

City Hall affair was well run in detail. Signs over each delegation — *real chicken pie feed* — initiations by Committee degree team, and all like clock-work. Committee numbered 16 members *working* — Yes, Ed's that way.

Figuring the 70-odd on our Charter, I figure we will have 100 members this Fall, easily enough. The Department Meetings—progress of uniforms, etc., make these queer backward birds here perk up and come in.

JOHNNY LOWE took the chair of another tough Committee to arrange for YD Headquarters at Legion Convention. Johnny was all enthused and this feature went big.

—JIM ARMESON.

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WORCESTER

The YD Club of Worcester held its Annual Meeting on Thursday evening, September 10. A new Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, officially binding the Club to the YD Veterans Association as a Chapter thereof, and conforming the provisions for a Chapter as set forth in the National Constitution.

The following officers were elected: Commander, ALPHONSE L. RAND (C Co., 104th Inf.); Sr. V. C., MICHAEL A. EARLY (B Batt., 102nd F. A.); Jr. V. C., HARRY BLOCK (Sup. Co., 104th Inf.); Treasurer, WILLIAM F. MURPHY (G Co., 101st Inf.); Chaplain, ERNEST C. PARENT (A Co., 104th Inf.); Trustees, THOMAS H. MCCARTHY (B Batt., 102nd F. A.), three years; SAMUEL SPENCER (E Batt., 102nd F.A.), two years; RAYMOND J. ROSSEEL (G Co., 101st Inf.), one year. Executive Committee, ERNEST LALONE (E Batt., 102nd F. A.), CHARLES D. WEBSTER (H Co., 104th Inf.), WALTER J. KANZ (B Co., 101st Amm. Tr.), MATTHEW LEARY (B Batt., 102nd F. A.), RAY G. MANSFIELD (E Batt., 102nd F. A.), GEORGE R. ELLIOTT (C Co., 104th Inf.), JOSEPH F. MAYNARD (A Co., 104th Inf.), HERBERT S.

Buss (C Co., 104th Inf.), Francis F. Savage (G Co., 101st Inf.).

The newspaper clipping giving the names of these officers does not list a Secretary or Adjutant, by which DOINGS assumes that Ted Noyes (C Co., 104th Inf.) is to carry on in that capacity as he has since the Club organized.

The new officers will be installed by National President Albert W. Herman and suite of National Officers on October 8.

Harry "Jud" Fish (C Co., 104th Inf.) recently became a member of the Y. D. V. A.—after ten years working on him. The shock must have been too much. Doctors have just completed some plain and fancy hem-stitching on that anatomical section which rises and falls with the tide.

Condolences were offered to George E. Scales (G Co., 101st Inf.) on the death of his mother, who passed away last week.

William "Old Bill" Smith (C Co., 104th Inf.), formerly of Worcester, now located in the WINDY CITY, has promised to become an active member of the YD Chapter of Chicago. He is located at 7441 Ridge Blvd., Chicago. Bill Brady, please note!

Sam Spencer (E Batt., 101st F. A.), who did that whale of a job on Registrations here in June, is training for the Cleveland Convention. Practicing his preachings he *registered* three months ago. He is now planning the "farewell party" for Worcester's YD representatives at Cleveland. The party will be held at Cosgrove's, date not announced; no holds barred!

Here's good philosophy for ANY Chapter. It appeared in a notice sent out by Worcester.

Here's a YD-er who has been attending all the meetings and is interested in the affairs of the YD Club. He wants to see the Name YD back in the place it was eighteen years ago. He will continue to attend the meetings, pay his dues, and BOOST the "YD" where ever he can. "That's My Outfit!" is his favorite expression. At the September meeting he will be interested in naming candidates for office in the Club for 1936-37; assist in adoption of a NEW Constitution and By-Laws; and aid the new officers for a program of Good and Welfare beneficial to the Club. GOOD LUCK, FELLA!

Here's a YD-er who is eligible to membership in YD; he's kinda luke-warm about it though. There are *too* many other problems in life for him! He's the guy who use to borrow *your* mess-kit, smoke *your* ciggies, AND write *your* girl about what *you* were doing in France. He'll holler YD . . . when . . . everybody's LOOKING . . . but he *won't* pay his dues and he NEVER attends a meeting. SO LONG, OLD SOUR-PUSS!

OTHER MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTERS

Must be the heat, or perhaps it isn't the heat, it's the humidity. But — where are you, Lowell, Salem, Holyoke, Clinton, Webster-Dudley, Milford.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island has been coming through with some new members, although as yet they are coming in as individuals rather than organized groups. Col. Bill Mulcahey is taking his job seriously, as to wit the following letter: "Am working to try to form Chapter in Cranston and it looks pretty good. Trying to lineup another in Pawtucket, which should come through in the near future."

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

The regular August meeting of the Department was held in the form of Veterans Day at Camp Cross Niantic, which is told of elsewhere in this issue.

On September 13, the regular meeting of the Department of Connecticut was held in Stamford.

The Connecticut State September Meeting At Stamford

The Connecticut State Department opened its Fall Season with a splash, and a bang, and a hellova lotta fun at the September Meeting in Elks' Hall, Stamford, on Sunday afternoon, September 13.

The Stamford Chapter, once one of the Minor Leaguers of the State, has blossomed out into a new high membership of fifty-two, due to the indefatigable efforts of Ray MacNicholl, Chairman of the Membership Committee, and for September it had the honor of playing host to the State Department. The responsibility for the meeting rested on the shoulders of the Chapter President, the modest but hard-working Joe Daley,and ask the lads who were there whether or not he came through with a real party.

The committee which he appointed, and on which he and the other Chapter officers served ex-officio, was composed of: BEN PITMAN, Chairman; RAY MACNICHOLL, HARRY DUNN, CARL PAIGHT and JIM CALDWELL, virtually the same gang that put over the Easter Sunday War Pictures Show, which permitted the Stamford Chapter to donate $70 to the Connecticut Flood Relief Fund, and put another $225 into the Chapter Treasury.

An hour or so after the sun had crossed the yard-arm, the gang began to assemble in front of the Elks' Club in West Park Place, and the horizon blue of the YD uniforms grew in volume as the minutes ticked off. The weather held clear, and car after car pulled up to disgorge its occupants amid greetings and cheers. Wives, children and girl friends came along, from every point of the compass, and they were taken in tow by the womenfolk of the Stamford Chapter and entertained while the meeting was in progress.

At 3-point-12 an exceedingly youthful bugler appeared on the steps of the hall and blew a call to round the gang up. Gathered at the back of the meeting place, another call—"Assembly"—was blown, and the whole crowd fell in by Chapters, in column of twos, behind the Drum Corps of the Sons of the American Legion of Stamford, a crack kid outfit that has won scores of prizes throughout the East. The boys broke into a lively swinging march, and led the parade of veterans twice around the hall and past the stage on which were the National and YD colors and a magnificent gum-print photograph of General Edwards, loaned for the occasion by Col. EDWIN C. COOPER of Waban, Mass. It was a stirring sight, that private parade, the old boys snapping into step and swinging along, not for publicity, not for the benefit of the public, but just to do honor to the memory of their beloved "DADDY" EDWARDS. They were played to their seats by the Drum Corps, and there gave their salute to the picture of the General.

Then followed an innovation. Instead of plunging straight into the business meeting, State President BILL THOMPSON announced that the assembled throng would sing some of the old-time war songs. Elsie Janis had been invited to be present, and it would have been her job to lead the singing as she so often did "Over There", but Elsie had been busily engaged all week in disposing of her worldly goods at auction and sent word to BEN PITMAN at the last minute that she was too "done in" to attend. However, and this is just an example of YD efficiency, Joe Lopez, manager of Radio Station WICC of Bridgeport, and one of the world's best song leaders, was on deck, and Joe led the gang to sing "Tipperary", "La Madelon", "Over There", "It's a Long, Long Trail A'Winding", and, by popular demand, "Hail, Hail, The Gang's All Here".

And about 130 YD voices bellowed until the rafters vibrated!

After the sing-song, and with everybody in a mellow mood, the meeting was officially called to order by State President BILL THOMPSON. The opening prayer was made by State Chaplain GEORGE RIICKERL of Stamford, the hero who has never missed a meeting anywhere at any time. Before commencing the serious part of the program, President THOMPSON announced that the Stamford Chapter wished to make a special presentation. BEN PITMAN, speaking for the Stamford Chapter, then told about how the National President, AL HERMAN, and the State Vice-President, BUCK CUNNINGHAM, had been severely wounded in action, eighteen years after the war, by getting themselves smashed up in an automobile accident while en route to attend a midsummer meeting of the Stamford Chapter — and he solemnly presented each of them with a huge brass wound chevron, which he snapped by an elastic band to their right forearms, the ceremony being accompanied by wild demonstrations from the audience.

President THOMPSON then called upon State Secretary RAY KINCAID to read the minutes of the last meeting, which, as usual, were accepted as read. The State Treasurer, JOE KOLINSKY, then made his report and it also was spread upon the record without change.

The regular business of the State Meeting was gone through, very quickly and efficiently. The new members of the Stamford Chapter were asked to fall in at the rear of the hall and the State Initiation Team, composed of AL HERMAN, LEN MALONEY, BUCK CUNNINGHAM and BILL THOMPSON, took their stations. The State Sergeant-at-Arms then escorted the new men from station to station and they were welcomed into the ranks of the Y. D. V. A.

One of Stamford's most important business concerns, The Schick Dry Shaver Co., had donated an electric razor to be raffled off, and the sale of raffle tickets and the drawings were held from the stage. The razor was won by a Mr. BARTSCH of Stamford. Second prize, $3.00 in cash, was won by one of the guests of honor, Sergeant John Latham, Medal of Honor. He very kindly donated the money to the State Department to go towards the repayment of their $100 debt to the Waterbury Chapter. Third

prize, $2.00 in cash, went to President BILL THOMPSON, no less—and Bill, following the excellent example of Sergt. Latham, also donated his winnings to the worthy cause.

A very sizeable delegation from the New York Chapter was on hand, and several of the Officers and Committee Chairmen were on the speakers' platform. When it came time for the speakers to do their stuff, BILL THOMPSON turned the job of Master of Ceremonies over to BEN PITMAN, and he put on the New York lads in rapid succession. First, JOE MCGLONE, Chairman of the New York Membership Committee, spoke, and told of the rapid progress which the New York Club had been able to make and the long way they still had to go to reach 100%. ED NELSON, Chairman of the Worcester Convention Committee of the New York Chapter and Chairman of the delegation to this Connecticut State Meeting, spoke, as did 2nd Vice-President BART KIELEY. TED SCHOONMAKER, Secretary of the New York Chapter was given his choice of making a speech or getting his pal, TOM ROURKE, up and singing "Die Wacht Am Rhein", and—believe it or not, they sang.

JOE LOPEZ of Bridgeport was called upon, and most generously placed Radio Station WICC at the disposal of the YD for any publicity that it had need of. This fine offer will definitely be taken advantage of, and through this channel it is hoped that many a YD straggler will be rescued and lined up in his proper Chapter.

SAM POLLEY, President of the neighboring Norwalk Chapter, extended a cordial invitation to the entire State YD to attend a party to be given by the Jewish War Veterans of Norwalk on Sunday evening, September 20, at the Norwalk Armory.

Major George E. Daley, Probation Officer of Westchester County, N.Y., a member of the 27th Division and father-in-law of FRED WARING of the New York Chapter, brought to the meeting some very interesting photographs of General EDWARDS as a young man. These were passed around the hall and studied with great interest by all of the members. One of these photographs is enclosed and should be of interest to the entire Y. D. V. A. It is planned to have this picture enlarged and made a part of the records of the association.

Sergeant John Latham, Medal of Honor, spoke to the membership, saying that although his service was with another division, he was glad to be included in a YD party in his own home town and had the greatest respect and admiration for the division.

Col. "MACHINE GUN" PARKER leveled his guns at the crowd on the subject of a program for this year to step up the ratings of the men in the lower brackets of the disability ratings in the Government agencies, so that men who had low physical disability ratings—and yet really high handicaps in securing employment with non-government institutions — would get a better break. His thoughts on this subject met with approval and at later meetings will undoubtedly be crystalized and acted upon.

Former National President LEN MALONEY spoke about the memorial to General EDWARDS, which will be placed on the spot marking his birthplace in Cleveland, on Wednesday, Sept. 16. He gave praise to Col. JIM HURLEY of the New York Chapter for his work in connection with this memorial, and urged every YD man who expected to be in Cleveland at the Legion Convention to attend the ceremonies connected with this memorial to General EDWARDS. He also told about the "TIM AHEARN Memorial" which the New Haven Chapter is putting over as a tribute to every enlisted man in the YD. A fine entertainment has been planned, including a professional football game, and it is expected that sufficient funds to finance the statue will be raised. Ex-President MALONEY again called to the attention of the membership the fact that the eyes of every YD man were riveted on the action which Col. JOHN HYATT, executor of General EDWARD's estate, would take during the six months following the Worcester Convention in regard to a suitable monument on the General's grave at Arlington Cemetery. BOB DICKSON of New Jersey reported that he was at the Arlington Cemetery, last week, and that he could not even find the grave. The National Committee, under the chairmanship of General COLE, have agreed to hold back for six months. If nothing has been done about this matter, so dear to the heart of every YD man, by the dawn of 1937 . . . DIRECT ACTION IS INDICATED.

National President AL HERMAN was the final speaker. He told of the organization of three new chapters. Thompsonville, organized the night before, had two members present at the State Meeting. He exhorted all chapters to "Play Ball" and do all in their power to get wider publicity for the Y. D. V. A. in order that all "lost" members would learn about it and come into the fold. He urged the buying of uniforms by all Chapters and the planning of ways and means to make this possible, citing the very fine showing made by two hundred Connecticut men in horizon blue at Niantic in August. What the National President said was full of good solid meat, and he

spoke in good homely YD language that went right to the heart of every man in the hall. You did not need to wait for their applause to know that they were with him and behind him just 100%. — you could see it in their faces as soon as he began to talk. Connecticut is certainly behind their man! And how!

After the meeting had been adjourned, refreshments were served by the Elks' Club and, from the number of seconds, thirds and fourths, it is reasonable to believe that the gang approved of the menu.

Stamford is happy to have been host to the first Autumn State Meeting and will gladly invite the State Department back when their turn comes around again.

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MONT SEC CHAPTER — BRISTOL

Saturday, August 1, Mont Sec Chapter led the parade in Terryville, Conn., as guests of Terryville Chapter. The purpose of this was to aid in festivities of the Firemen's Field Day. Immediately after this, the Chapter was escorted by motorcycle police to the Plainville Town Line, where they proceeded to New Britain to participate in the 18th Annual State Convention of the American Legion, Department of Connecticut, parade. The boys from Bristol are gluttons for punishment, for the line of march in Terryville was about two miles and the parade in New Britain was about four miles. All YD men marched with the New Britain Chapter, who, by the grace of God, had provided a damned good band. State President BILL THOMPSON led the outfit comprised of at least seventy-five YD men, of whom at least thirty were in the regulation Connecticut State uniform. After the parade, we assembled at rooms provided by the New Britain Chapter to celebrate the occasion by beer-drinking and much good-natured banter. The boys in New Britain did a good job. Accounts of the parade stated that it took two solid hours for the complete cortege to pass the reviewing stand. I noted that the boys of the YD received a big hand, and it wasn't our convention.

I sincerely hope that all the Chapters in Connecticut will continue to give our new President, BILL THOMPSON, the same wholehearted support that AL HERMAN received during his term of office. We are going to need it, because this next year has no bonus forthcoming. So let's get started, boys; keep the ball rolling.

—R. B. K.

HARTFORD

Just a report to those inactive members of our Chapter who fail to take part in our meetings or other activities. You fellows are missing all the fun that this Chapter has had since its formation, just a year ago.

We all had a swell time at the outing at Windsor—good eats, nice entertainment and very few speeches—just one of our many get-togethers, which are held for the benefit of the members during the course of the year. We did expect that all of the members would turn out for the Memorial Services held at Soldiers Field—these impressive services were very poorly attended; too bad your old buddies are so soon forgotten, but we intend to hold them annually until the last man has been put away, so please try and remember to be present when they are held next year.

It would be hard for anyone who attended the Worcester Convention to try and give a report of the doings there. We will admit that a good time was had by all, even those few who made damned fools of themselves. Of course, we only get together once a year, so what difference does it make. Your Chapter went to a great deal of expense and hard work on the part of a faithful few who are always on deck to do their part to make this organization what it is today. We are very grateful to ERNIE CLORS for his part in securing the services of the Broad Brook Fife and Drum Corps, who went to Worcester and paraded with us. These fellows certainly deserve a great deal of praise for the wonderful showing they made in the parade and our only regret is that they didn't get a prize, but maybe they will have better luck next time.

Our local colors were on display for the first time at a convention and we are very proud of them. Somebody had to do some tall talking to get JOE MORAN to carry the colors, but, after all, it is easy to see that the boys are working hand in hand to make this Chapter a success.

Before the start of our fall meetings, a drive will be made to get members and we expect that every YD man in this vicinity will have been approached and given an application. Those of you who have already placed an application in someone's hands, check him up to see that he has sent it in and received his card.

It is hoped that more of the members will get the new uniform, one that certainly looks very snappy, something different from the other veteran organizations, and let us make a good showing in the next parade in this city.

We expect to start our local meetings this

month, not having bothered the members this summer with meetings or other activities. In June, the National Convention took most of our energy and then the day spent at Niantic just topped it off. We are sorry for those members who did not get a chance to get to either place, for after looking the crowd over at both places it seems that the same old gang turns out. It is hoped that this Fall we will see some new faces at the meetings and at our social gatherings. It is planned to have an outing sometime in September, but the only trouble with holding these outings is that we can never tell just how many will attend. Too bad that more can't show a little cooperation with the fellows that spend their time in making arrangements for such affairs; it takes time and money to run them and we always have a good time.

We certainly owe a vote of thanks to those who made the arrangements for our day at Niantic and it is hoped that this will be an annual affair. We realize that the rain kept the attendance down, but what is the matter with the old crowd — are they getting soft? On the matter of dues, some of the boys have neglected to date to forward the TWO BUCKS for this year's dues, which were due last April. No need to mention names, for they know who they are. So please send it along for we know that it is an oversight.

Please show a little more cooperation with your officers this fall and attend the meetings and the outings, for I am sure you will enjoy both.

—W. L. S.

NEW HAVEN

New Haven held only one meeting in August and this one meeting was concerned largely with the TIMMY AHEARN Memorial, the construction by the Chapter of a model home as a money-raising venture, and the matter of permanent quarters for the Chapter. Despite the intense heat and high humidity, about sixty turned out for the meeting. President FRANK LEE presided and only one officer was absent.

The campaign for funds for the AHEARN Memorial is well underway; in fact, the memorial itself is well underway. Thanks to the Works Progress Administration for Connecticut, through BOB HURLEY, the administrator (a vet), and Director Wayland Williams and Assistant Director George H. P. Conlon (both vets), all manual labor will be provided by the W.P.A. The New Haven Chapter must provide the materials and pay for casting the huge nine-foot statue of AHEARN. They must raise $4,000. Chairman JACK DILLON is confident this can be done.

LEN MALONEY's House Committee was assigned the job of finding permanent quarters and also of looking into "GIG" CARTON's plan for a model home. The idea looks good, but it is a big undertaking and it will be fully discussed by the Chapter.

A request for contributions to clean up a slight indebtedness brought prompt response. About $60 came in to Treasurer RALPH BISHOP. The Chapter charges no local dues.

A more harmonious relationship with the YD Post of the American Legion is seen in the volunteering of seven Chapter members, including President LEE, to join the YD Drum Corps. And, by the way, the YD Junior Corps walked off with the sponsored corps championship at the State Convention of the Legion at New Britain. The youngsters brought home three cups and Miss Glasso, the snappy drum major, won the individual award. Look out, Dolly!

LEN MALONEY and LOUIS JACOBS represented the Chapter at a hearing before the aldermanic committee on parks and squares in behalf of the erection of a fence around the World War Memorial on the Green.

The Chapter was well represented at Niantic on YD Day. This should be an annual affair—and probably will.

The New Haven Chapter is sponsoring a professional football game on Sunday night, September 20, between the Danbury Trojans, last year's state champs, and four teams to be selected by the fans. Each team will play a period. The proceeds will go to the AHEARN Memorial and all Connecticut Chapters are asked to cooperate.

Former U. S. Deputy Marshal JOE PARK is inventing again. He is about to give birth to a finger printing machine that the cops say is a honey. "JACKO" SULLIVAN, after all these years, is finally in double harness. Ann Johnson is the lucky girl. Congratulations! RUSS MCKIERNAN has moved his wholesale liquor emporium to more spacious quarters, and "TINY GEORGE" MACFARLAND has decided to do something about that waist-line. He may be seen juggling quarters and halves of "Red Fox" Ale himself. ED MCLAUGHLIN has special YD glasses for the boys at the Arlington.

—H. S. R. JR.

NORWALK

What had originally been planned as a strictly Norwalk Chapter affair, in the nature of a testi-

monial dinner to AL HERMAN—first, President of Norwalk Chapter, then of the Department of Connecticut, and now National President of the Y. D. V. A.—turned out, in spite of all precautions for secrecy, to be an all-Connecticut time. Norwalk wanted to give a party to its favorite son, but news leaked out, and when it was heard that the boys were going to lift their glasses to one AL HERMAN, nothing could keep them away.

The party was held at the General Putnam in Westport on July 18. It has been relayed to DOINGS in an undated newspaper clipping from an unidentified paper. Excerpts are as follows:

Mayor Frank T. Stack expressed his pride, as chief executive of the city, that a Norwalk man should be chosen to head the national organization, and promised his fullest cooperation to make the policeman's term as national commander a successful one.

Picking up the gauntlet flung down by LEONARD MALONEY, past national commander, who urged that HERMAN's superiors give him the time off he will need to carry out his duties, Mayor Stack stated "I am behind AL HERMAN in everything he can do for the YD. He can be assured of my personal, as well as official, support."

WILLIAM THOMPSON, Bristol, new state commander, who succeeded HERMAN in that office, pledged Bristol Post's 100% support of the Norwalk man, and promised that as state commander he will do all in his power to keep the state organization firmly behind its past commander.

Col. JIM HURLEY, sportswriter for the New York Daily Mirror and a member of the national executive committee of the Y. D. V. A., told of the work of AL HERMAN and LEN MALONEY in establishing the New York Chapter, which now numbers 117 veterans in its rolls.

HERMAN, his eyes still black and his face scarred as the result of his automobile accident, expressed, simply and sincerely, his deep appreciation for the cooperation he has received in the past from his fellow YD veterans.

He recalled April 19, 1919, when he met HENRY WOODS on the street in Norwalk, and the two recalled the battle of Seichprey, the Yankee Division's baptism of fire, in which some seventy-five New Englanders died. Their conversation led to a decision to stage a party on the anniversary of the battle, April 20. Five other members of the division joined in and pooled three dollars apiece. With the $21, they bought seven quarts of gin, two pounds of ham and half a dollar's worth of pretzels and, according to HERMAN, "had one hell of a swell time".

That was the first of the annual Seicheprey banquets, which have been held each year since that time by the Norwalk YD men. From those banquets grew the Y. D. V. A. as it exists today. The Norwalk Chapter, spreading its ambitious influence throughout Connecticut, brought about the organization of several Chapters throughout the state. AL HERMAN, SAM POLLEY, HUGHIE FOSTER, HENNIE WOODS and others built up interest in YD and started the ball rolling toward the national organization of today.

HERMAN, in his talk, expressed his thanks for the gifts he received at the banquet. SAM POLLEY, post commander, on behalf of the post, gave him a handsome billfold and key set. Mrs. W. H. Whitney, president of the Norwalk Auxiliary, presented a traveling bag and, a personal gift from her and Mrs. Herman, a box of cigars. Mrs. Herman gave him a gold YD pin, a gift from JOSEPH J. CUNNINGHAM, Waterbury. In his turn, HERMAN presented to BILL ADAMS, Danbury, as his secretary during his term as state commander, a token of appreciation for his cooperation.

Captain WILLIAM H. WHITNEY presided as toastmaster.

TERRYVILLE

Marshall D. Leach Chapter, Y.D.V.A., wishes to thank all members that participated with us in the Firemen's Parade, held in Terryville, Conn., August 1. It made a fine showing. The Chapter is planning to hold a carnival in Terryville between the dates of October 5 and October 12. We are already making plans to attend the Portland National Convention of the Y.D.V.A. in 1937. A large delegation attended the Y. D. V. A. Day at Niantic, Sunday, August 20. The Chapter took in ADAM RAKOWSKI of Thomaston as a member. He is an ex-member of I Co., 102nd Inf. We have 50% of our members in uniform.

—L. R. B.

VALLEY CHAPTER

Following is a list of our present Officers:

President, WILLIAM E. JONES, 68 Perry Ave., Shelton, Conn.; 1st Vice-President, HARRY H. COMCOWICH, 19 Star St., Ansonia, Conn.; 2nd Vice-President, ERNEST GREYWACZ, 199 West St., Seymour, Conn.; Treasurer, FRED HUMMEL, 15 North St., Seymour, Conn.; Secretary, JOHN J. HUNIHAN, R. R. No. 2, Southbury, Conn.; Historian, ALBERT SPONHEIMER, West Church St., Seymour, Conn.; Sergeant-at-Arms, JOHN MORAN, 49 Third St., Seymour, Conn.; Chaplain, PAUL JOHNSON, 14 Dwight St., Ansonia, Conn.

WINSTED

A new Chapter in Connecticut, making a total of 17. Massachusetts has 18 on the books, but Plymouth and Attleboro exist on paper only, which leaves Connecticut one in the lead, unless they have one they feel is "on paper only". We can think of just one that might come in that class.

Yes sir, Winsted is "in" to the tune of fourteen members, with more to come. Following is a list of the temporary officers: President, SAMUEL H. TUBIN; Vice-President, JAMES B. MORGAN; Treasurer, HARRY SIMMONS; Acting Secretary, W. C. WATERHOUSE.

Election of permanent Officers was held on Wednesday, September 9, but no report has come to YANKEE DOINGS.

OTHER CONNECTICUT CHAPTERS

Seems funny not to be hearing from Bridgeport, Meriden, New Britain, Stamford, Waterbury, Manchester, Middletown, Wallingford, and Willimantic. There is just one way to send news in to DOINGS, and that is NOT TO PUT IT OFF. Send it as soon as it happens.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

It is not in any spirit of New England secession that the above name has been bestowed upon the "Seventh Department" of the Y.D.V.A., comprising the territory beyond the borders of the New England states, under direction of V. P. WALTER CROWELL of Chicago. It is simply that no other name presents itself, and if any reader has a better one, let's have it, for this one is none too hot.

Out in this great territory, there are YD rumblings here and there, and V. P. CROWELL isn't overlooking a bet in following up any city that feels the urge to start a YD Chapter. His best prospect this Fall is Detroit, where preliminary meetings to this end have already been held. Requests for information have also come in from such widely-scattered points as Bremerton, Wash., Denver, Colo., and Cleveland, and Walter is keeping after all of them so they won't let the good idea cool off.

Of the five already existing Chapters in this area, no news has been received since last issue from Newark or Chicago itself. But, with cool weather, we know they'll be perking stronger than ever before.

LOS ANGELES

Following the custom of other years, the YD Club of Southern California suspended activities during July and August, so there isn't much to write about, except the Reunion. What reunion? Why the big one at Hollywood, held during the American Legion Convention.

The 26th Division, like all the other outfits of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, had a get-together on Monday, August 10. We met at the El Mirador Cafe, where we were brigaded with the 3rd, 4th, 32nd, 33rd, 77th and 6th Divisions, a jolly good bunch of veterans who each thought (and said so) that their outfits were the best in the A. E. F. Of course, we knew that the old YD was.

After a full-course chicken dinner, which included coffee served all over Major NEWCOMB's shirt and Captain BERGLUND's ice-cream pants, by a waiter trying to navigate the crowded aisles, everybody gathered around for the floor show, which was pronounced as magnificent, stupendous and "collossul" by ARCHIE BRADLEY, CHARLIE HEATH and ED WALL, who were, as usual, right down in front, although all slightly wounded in the rush to get there. From our observation post, on a chair in the rear of the hall, all we could see were some dancers, but we did hear one little gal with a swell voice.

After the floor show came the big surprise feature of the evening, when Past President JOHN FOX led the famous Hollywood Post Sons of the American Legion Band into the hall for a concert, which JOHN proclaimed over the loud speaker "was presented with the compliments of the 26th, Yankee, Division". What a shout went up at this information and more shouts when the boys finished their peppy numbers. The crowd simply wouldn't let the band leave until they had played about ten pieces. It was a great concert by a swell band and JOHN, who is the manager, deserved the applause he received for the surprise.

Following the reunion, a lot of the boys went over to the Rainbow Division reunion, while others went up to the Second Division dugout. Still others went back to Hollywood, where President JOE MCCARTHY and Past President BOB NORRIS were holding open house at their hotel suite.

So, all in all, it was a large evening for the YD veterans and we only wish that some of the fun could have been shared with our buddies.

This article would not be complete if we failed to mention that the arrangements for the YD were made by JOHN FOX, who also sent out the notices, and the decorations and signs were handled with usual efficiency by CHARLIE OLSEN.

G. K. M.

NEW YORK CITY

New York Chapter now numbers 131 paid-up members, just four more than the other four Chapters in the Department combined! They have been holding regular meetings throughout the summer, but unfortunately your editor has been unable to attend any of them and do his own reporting, and no one has sent in any written account.

From rumors which have drifted Bostonward, they have been SOME meetings, with all the zip and pep for which Gotham (and the YD) is famous. With the resumption of the Fall season, most of the meetings will be held in the Seventh Regiment Armory, on Park Ave., on the fourth Thursday of the month. New York is one place that everybody visits from time to time, so jot down the date and insure yourself of one grand time.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

On August 1, we held our summer picnic. It was a real annual get-together, given jointly by the Yankee Division Club of Washington and the Maj.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards' Post of the V. F. W. This year, JOE WILNER came to bat and, through the courtesy and cooperation of the Commanding Officer of Ft. Belvoir, very kindly secured permission of the "gang" to use the facilities of the Post.

Twenty-five ladies, children and gents spent a pleasant afternoon and evening, swimming, eating, singing and quaffing suds from the old barrel.

Right here and now, your reporter wishes to state that the success of the picnic was due to JOE WILNER and Mrs. Wilner. JOE was a "swell" cook in the Division and, although he wasn't given much chance to exhibit his fine art, his hot dogs and lemonade were good enough to show that his outfit ate well when overseas; and as for organization, JOE is right there too; without him it would have been no picnic at all. Mrs. Wilner did her part and her contribution of potato salad was consumed with relish.

As usual, that ex-doughboy-runner, RAY QUEENIN, was on deck early and it is reported he stayed late. He must have had a premonition of what was to come, because he had with him a certain amount of very efficient "snake-bite cure". By the time swimming was well under way, it was discovered that the peaceful Potomac had inexplicably become a rendezvous for all known kinds of vicious snakes and without the "snake-bite cure" it is difficult to figure out how many casualties there might have been. With it, however, there were no casualties and the few injections seemed to work wonders, not only against snake bite, but towards releasing and oiling the lungs and vocal chords of the Yankee Division Octet, which was in fine form. The silence of the evening, by the banks of the Potomac, was definitely disturbed for some hours.

All the ladies did their part by bringing delicious food, and the combined quantity was more than the "gang" could justly consume, but they really went to work and, finally, there was not much remaining.

Tapping that barrel of suds proved an interesting problem. JOE WILNER started the fun and got a good bath. The Engineers present were too busy making little ones out of big ones (ice this time) to be on hand to give assistance, so old Infantryman QUEENIN stepped into the breech and, after twenty minutes of fiddling around, had the necessary locking nuts duly threaded. Had the Engineers been available, it is felt certain that the situation would have been cared for much more promptly. With the tremendous skill which the Division well knows has always been exhibited by the members of the Engineer Regiment, prompt action would have been forthcoming.

Others who showed up and added greatly to the enjoyment of the party were NATE GLUECK and Mrs. Glueck, who brought along Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple and offspring; Messrs. GLUECK and Dalrymple, after diligent effort for *two hours* to obtain the necessary paraphernalia to go fishing, were able to get out on the river for *half an hour*—their excuse for not bringing in additions to the evening meal was the presence of certain life in the water which took the bait from the hooks and left no fish to catch—snakes—say we. Also NATE and Mrs. GOLDEN, BYRON and Mrs. CARSON, ED BAKER, Mrs. Baker and the children showed up on full force and helped to make the party a success. AL and Mrs. ROCKWELL, who are again in Washington and whom we were delighted to see again — HOWARD OSBORNE and Mrs. Osborne—Ossie seemed to have particular trouble with the snakes, but thanks to Ray, he did not suffer permanent injury. Ray certainly helped Ossie in a lot of ways. JOE JORDAN breezed in a little late, full of explanations concerning his Worcester trip. That emi-

nent engineer, ex-Sgt. FRANK MCCANN, was on hand, always ready to repair a road here or there, or lend a hand when it came to carrying the steaming boiler of hot dogs from the stove. Sgt. HOWARD, of our Division, but now in the regular Engineers at Ft. Belvoir, gave valuable assistance; incidently, Howard's boy was hurt during the Worcester Convention by being bumped by a car on the road just outside of Worcester. It was reported he had his hip smashed, but that he is getting along okay now. Last, but by no means least, was JOE WILNER'S niece, a very attractive "Georgia Peach".

—JOHN CASWELL.

DENVER

The following letter is from ARTHUR G. VETTER (C Batt., 101st F. A.) of Denver, Colo.: "We old YD-ers are few in number out here, but we do manage to get together occasionally. We are planning on having a YD Headquarters during the V. F. W. National Encampment, as well as a banquet to be held on the night of September 16. Can't you give me the dope on the requirements for forming a YD Chapter — the minimum number of members, etc.".

WASHINGTON STATE

Have contacted quite a few YD men in the State of Washington and believe it is possible to organize a Chapter in this state, and would appreciate it if you send the application for said Chapter.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble, I beg to remain,

Yours in comradeship,

—C. S. HALVERSON.

Bremerton, Wash.,
August 27.

This information has been sent.

—ED. DOINGS.

DETROIT

The Y. D. V. A. has carbon copies of letters sent by V. P. WALTER CROWELL to DAVE SWARTZ and to DICK SCANLAN, both of Detroit, in the interests of getting a Chapter formed there. We feel sure there will be something definate to report from Detroit soon.

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

More than 500 veterans and friends attended the Memorial Services of the 101st Infantry Veterans' Association, held at the Old Muster Field, Framingham, Sunday morning, August 16.

On a field altar near the Memorial Boulder, a memorial mass was celebrated for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the regiment. Rev. MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, famous fighting chaplain of the regiment in France and on the Mexican Border and affectionately known as "Father Mike", in his sermon urged an amendment to the Constitution limiting the right of free speech which is hostile to the principles of American government. Chaplain O'CONNOR warned against Communists, in the guise of Pacifists, who would eliminate all military preparedness so that eventually it will be easy to seize the government.

He told his audience that Communistic thought had fostered a school of brutal ignorance, in the last century, to such an extent that the fundamental and undiminishing truths of Christinanity and morality have been called into question. Even debt is regarded as questionable today, he said.

"They seriously ask the question, is not every man who owns anything a thief? If so, then what crime is there in dispossessing a thief of what he has? This is the doctrine of Socialism. By its tenets, we are asked to believe that men best prosper on this earth by cooperation; that there is enough energy and enterprise in the great body of humanity to provide for the needs of all. Therefore, they say, destroy competition and rivalry, substitute for these things cooperation and make all men brothers. Let all men share alike in the goods of the earth — a beautiful dream.

"A teacher in a college was asked by a student, if everything was to be common under Communism, how about his wife. The professor

hesitated a minute and then admitted that his wife would be common to all. The next day a group of students who objected to these principles gathered at the front door of the teacher's home. He asked them what they wanted. They answered, 'Yesterday you told us your wife belonged to us and we have come to see her.' "

Former mayor of Boston, John F. Fitzgerald, the next speaker, said, "I well remember thirty-eight years ago, when the Ninth Massachusetts left this field in the Spanish-American War. I never saw a finer body of men, led by the late Colonel Frederick Bogan, but because of disease in Cuba, poor rations, together with malaria and yellow fever, the regiment's strength was seriously impaired in a very short time.

"Let us today, in memory of these heroic souls and of the hundreds of others in the World War who marched from Framingham to give up their lives in a foreign country, consecrate ourselves anew to the principles for which these men fought."

Judge EDWARD L. LOGAN, commander of the 101st Infantry in France; Colonel WILLIAM J. BLAKE, President PETER SCHOFIELD of the 101st Infantry Veterans, and Historian WILLIAM J. HALL, chairman of the association memorial services, also were speakers.

BILL KELLY, who used to make pills in the 101st Ambulance Corps in France and now makes money in the mint in Philadelphia, came all the way from Quaker Town to attend the ceremonies. The writer observed among the crowd, Comrades LAWLOR, CHAPIN, MCNIFF, ED "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK, ED WHITE, JOHN KELLY, "FLABO" MCDONALD, JOE GALLIGAN, BILL GALLAGHER, VINCE BREEN, most of "B" Co., 101st Inf., and many others.

—M. J. MOONEY.

B COMPANY

Under the tremendous driving power of "KNOCKO" MCCORMACK, B Company continues to hold the lead, not only in the regiment, but in the whole Division, for the number and variety of its activities.

The latest big time scheduled is billed as a "Monster Smoke Talk", at the Irish-American Hall in South Boston on October 7. "Knocko", in one of his yard-long bulletins, lists an array of talent that would make the late Tex Rickard turn over in his grave. Proceeds are to the Company's Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket Fund.

D'ya hear of JOE GALLIGAN'S good fortune? See separate article elsewhere.

103RD INFANTRY

ROY WATERMAN (M. G. Co.) is with the Portland Monumental Slate Co. of that city.

Saw LEO TETU the other day in Augusta, where he runs the River Taxi Co. Leo was in Hdq. Co. and was gassed at Chateau Thierry.

EARL COOPER (Hdq. Co.) is now head welder at the Bath Iron Works and is building Torpedo Boat Destroyers for the Navy.

REGINALD FOSS (Lt) is with Coffin-Burr Co. of New York City.

Met Lt.-Col. SHUMWAY the other day, up in Bangor, and he seemed as energetic as ever. The Colonel is now President of the Merrill Trust Co. and takes quite an active part in affairs in that section of the state.

SCOTT PALMER (Co. D) of Norway passed away about the first of July.

ALBERT L. MARCOUS (101st Trench Mortar Battery) died as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident about the first of August.

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

I COMPANY

On July 18, 1918, I Company, 104th Inf., went over and under the top in Belleau Wood, and on this anniversary, eighteen years later, our Captain, Major T. J. Hammond, entertained his old company at his summer home in Goshen, Mass. At the check-up, 82 former members of I Co. were present. How's that after 18 years?

But nobody from Lynn, first time that ever happened. RALPH MERRITT, up from Swampscott, was long distance and he showed his flickers. Dr. CLIF RENTH, tooth-buzzer at John Adams in Chelsea, was in the gang; Bill Andrus of ration cart fame suds a few. PERCY HILL, present at his first Reunion, and the skipper recalled seeing Percy get his man. JESSE ELY, in a new bib and tucker. Jess used to be stoker for the grease balls at the soup gun and, like Roosevelt, he smokes Camels.

The boat race was a tie; MCKELLIGOTT lost an oar and Lt. REARDON his uppers. LAVALLEE, LAROSE, LAFOUNTAIN and LACOY in swimming.

ED CULLINANE, JIMMIE DUNN, HAROLD PATTERSON and ROY HAMILTON clinked horse-shoes.

"Stash" Lawnicki, brewmaster at the Allen House in Hartford, cleaned the bases when the ball stayed up in a tree.

Look up "Stash", you 102nd-ers. He's jake. The boys presented Major Hammond with a desk set as a token and remembrance of the day. The Major "was pleased and glad to see so many of the gang again and hoped from year to year we would have many reunions."

The sporting honey was the ball game. Frank White's team had eleven players and Rube Lennon the rest of the gang. The hit-and-run play was on—always. Dannie O'Leary was interpreter of the rules and it was everybody's turn to bat. What a game. Rube Lennon missed his double trouble, Hughie O'Regan, and sniffled. Regrets read from Dave Fisk, Lt. Wheeler, Cliff Day, Major Beckman, Harry Kelly and Francis Murray.

Evening parade at sundown, and the gang, four platoons strong, stood retreat and passed in review to the invisible guests, our departed comrades.

Sergeant-Major Hinds tooted bugle and the color detail were Frank White, Ray Powers and Freddie Munro.

First Sergeant LaVallee is now senior captain in the new 104th and Al Packard, 1st Lewis; Harry Kneeland has charge of soldiers' aid in 'Hamp and gives the boys many breaks. Neal Lewis was found dead recently in Milwaukee, with his bonus bonds on him. The Major had most of his beer left over because a lot of the boys are on the wagon.

Harvey Taylor is out for state representative.

Rock Latham still good with his famous flying tackle. Shamus O'Brien collected and, as usual, Ed Bouthilette got the gang together. Freddie Davis, from the band, looks 100% in his white drawers.

The boys are hot for the new Chapter of the YD.

—"Rookie" Powers.

101st TRENCH MORTAR BATTERY

With members present from Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and all corners of the Pine Tree State, the 101st Trench Mortar Battery hiked again, Sunday, August 30. It was the occasion of the tenth annual outdoor reunion of the old "suicide squad" of the Yankee Division and once more the weatherman was kind to the vets. It was cloudy in the morning, but soon after the sixty or so members and guests reached the Lavoie Farm at North Auburn, Me., overlooking Little Wilson Pond, the sun burst forth and "the boys" were hunting up shady places to sit and talk over old times.

In the absence of those delegated to take charge of the eats, Jimmy Longley went into action and when Gene Beaudoin poked out mess call on the bugle, the gang sat down to a fine dinner of lobster, clams and all the fixings.

Commander Bill Love of Farmington presided at the business meeting which followed. Albert St. Marie of Lewiston was elected commander for the coming year, with Eugene Beaudoin, vice-commander; Jesse Farnum, secretary and treasurer, and Norman S. Thomas, historian and chaplain. An impressive memorial service was held in tribute to Albert L. Marcous, a member of the organization, whose death occurred here several weeks ago, the result of injuries received in an automobile accident.

After some discussion, it was voted to continue to hold the annual reunion on the last Sunday in August, as in the past, and a committee consisting of Albert St. Marie, Joe Veilleux, Leo O'Reilly, Jess Farnum and Norman Thomas was named with power to select the place where the 1937 reunion will be staged.

Harold H. Rutter, a member of the Portland YD Club, mentioned the Yankee Division Club organized in Lewiston-Auburn and charged each member that it was their duty to belong either here or wherever they live. He called attention to the YD Convention in Portland next year and was assured of the backing of the 101st Trench Mortar Battery Association.

The sports program usually held was called off due to lost equipment, wet grounds, competitors protecting their amateur standing, the fact that horse shoe pitching stakes were a hundred yards, more or less, apart, because of the interest in the tall-story club sessions and so forth and so on.

Saturday night found members and their ladies enjoying a buffet lunch and dance held in the American Legion rooms.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

A COMPANY

The members of A Company extend their deep sympathy to the family of our late comrade, John A. Harvey, who died August 16. He had been in ill health for some time, but was able to be with us at the recent reunion in Worcester.

We A Company men mourn the passing of our old friend and comrade.

Just a few notes on the whereabouts and doings of some of the old A Company crowd:—

ALLEN SCHAUFFLER, Top-Sergeant when we sailed for France and for some time after, is now connected with Abercrombie & Fitch in New York. He sent greetings, and says he has hopes of making an A Company reunion yet. Well, we hope he can, too, and soon.

BOB CARROLL, who could warble a few notes with the best of them, is now with the John Hancock Insurance Co. in Auburn, New York. He couldn't get to Worcester, but is looking forward to Portland, next year.

CHARLIE GILMAN is ill at Fort Miley, San Francisco, and undoubtedly would like to hear from some of you fellows. Why not drop him a line?

PHIL DAMON is connected with the Pittsfield Co-operative Bank and also the Mass. Co-oper. Bank League. He is traveling much of the time, so had to pass up the reunion this year.

RAY PARKER is account executive with A. W. ELLIS Co., one of the oldest advertising agencies in Boston.

JIM CADDIGAN is a building inspector for the City of Boston.

RAY HEMENWAY, another ex-Top Sergeant, is still in the newspaper game and covers the assignments at Boston Police Headquarters.

ART KING is with the Reading Iron Co. in Boston, but spends most of his time on the road.

ALEX BECKETT is a salesman for the Jones, McDuffee & Stratton Co. in Boston.

JULIUS DANIELS has been an executive with the Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston for several years.

Enough for now. More next time.

Don't forget—Portland, Maine, in 1937!

—ELBY.

F COMPANY

Who in the world should turn up after all these years but EBEN STICKNEY, as a charter member of the new YD Chapter in Bangor.

CHARLIE STEEGER is endeavoring to get affidavits from men in the Company who remember his being thrown in a box-car ride and straining his side so that it had to be bandaged for several weeks.

F Company news seems to be surprisingly scarce this month. We ought to start those monthly get-togethers again this Fall.

—P. N. S.

YD REUNION AT V. F. W. ENCAMPMENT IN DENVER

In response to a request that the Y. D. V. A. try to arrange a reunion of YD men in Denver during the National Encampment of the V.F.W., on September 13 to 18, TONY ROCK (101st F.A.), Commander of Lt. NORMAN PRINCE Post and Department Director of Junior Activities, was appointed to see what he could do in rounding up all stray Yanks in Denver.

Incidentally, the Association has three active members in Denver, DOC SWERDFEGER, ARTHUR VETTER, ALBERT W. ROCKWELL, and Tony planned to enlist their aid upon arrival. Vetter has already written about stirring up some YD activity, and his letter appears in part under Chapters.

This issue goes to press too early for any account of Tony's success in holding a YD reunion.

Department of Massachusetts

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THE FIRST SUNDAY
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SUNDAY — OCTOBER 4, 2:00 P. M., MILFORD, MASS.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.
DEPARTMENT OF MASS.

WEDNESDAY — OCTOBER 7, MARLBORO, MASS.
PRESENTATION OF CHARTER.
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

THURSDAY — OCTOBER 8, WORCESTER, MASS.
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SUNDAY — OCTOBER 11, 3:00 P. M., MIDDLETOWN, CONN.
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.
DEPARTMENT OF CONN.

THURSDAY — OCTOBER 23.
PORTLAND, ME. — "ALL-MAINE" GET-TOGETHER.
NEW YORK — CHAPTER MEETING.
BOSTON — MONTHLY SMOKER.

OCTOBER 30 or 31 — BROCKTON, MASS.
HALLOWE'EN COSTUME CABARET.

THURSDAY — NOVEMBER 5, RUTLAND, VT.
RECEPTION TO NATIONAL OFFICERS.

FRIDAY — DECEMBER 4, BOSTON, MASS.
ANNUAL MILITARY BALL.

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"LET'S GET BETTER ACQUAINTED"